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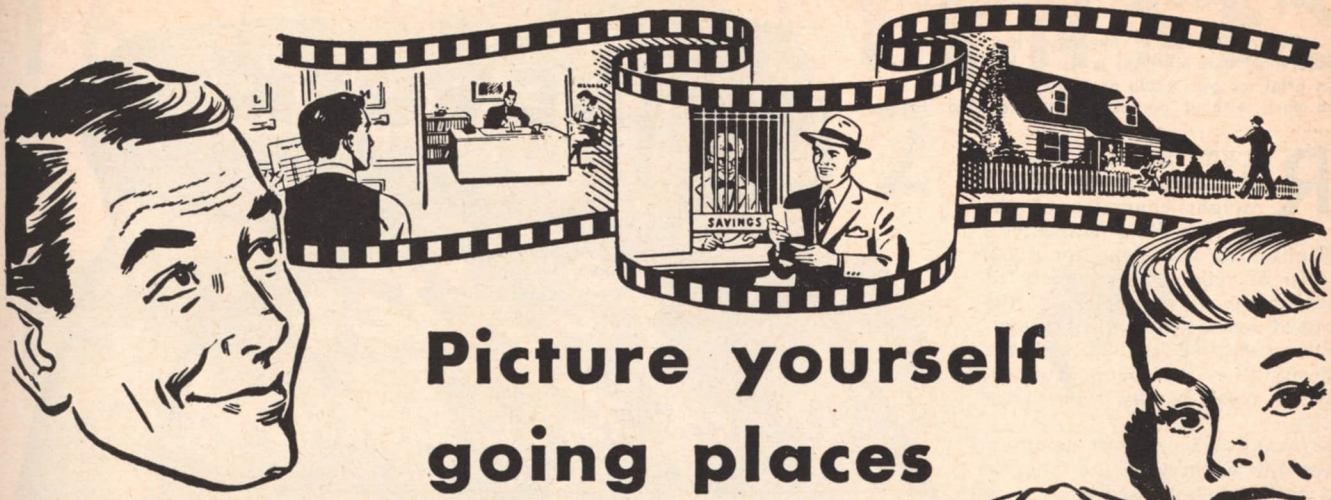

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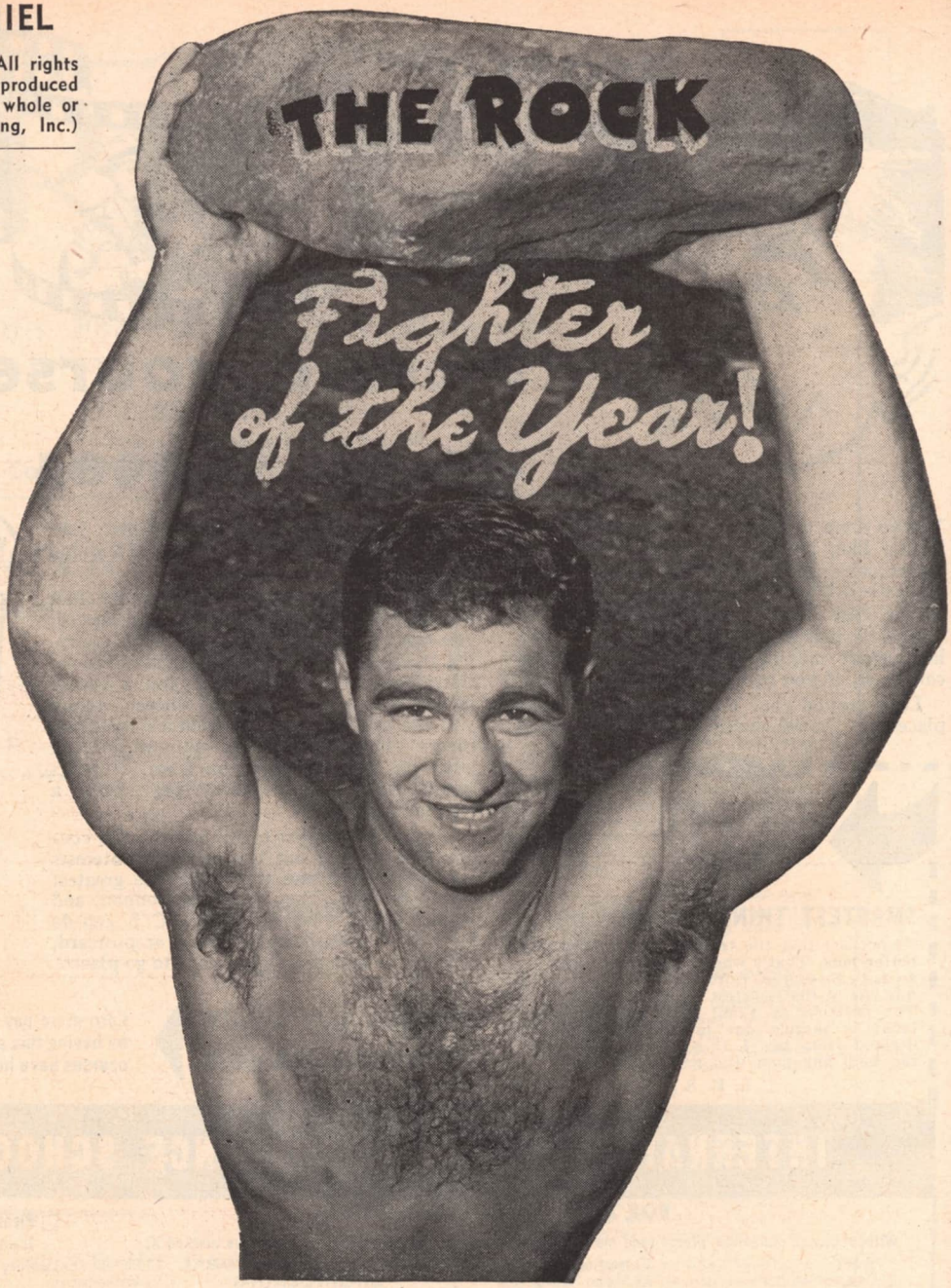

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ROCKY MARCIANO, of Brockton, Mass., heavyweight champion of the world, is *The Ring* Magazine's Fighter of the Year for 1952.

In Marciano, the dynasty of annual most valuables of the roped arena which this magazine instituted in 1928, with the designation of Gene Tunney, has a most worthy representative.

Usually the task of nominating the Fighter of the Year is a rather complicated one.

This time, however, the editor of this magazine, his staff and voting correspondents all over the United States, and in foreign countries, as well, were unanimous in their selection of the man who, on September 23, 1952, knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the thirteenth round in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium.

The Ring's Fighter of the Year must come into its competition with clean hands. His fistic reputation and achievements will not, by themselves, suffice to gain the big award for him.

UNDER the "deed of gift" of this coveted prize, which dates back many years beyond the Ed Neil Trophy of the Boxing Writers' Association of New York, *The Ring's* Fighter of the Year must have perfect public relations. His private life must be clean, and he must be able to stand out as a pattern for the growing American boy.

In Marciano, a great puncher, a spectacular new champion, a happily married man whose family relations were perfect, an all around athlete who had done well in baseball and football before his entry into boxing, *The Ring* found an ideal candidate for its major citation.

Not unrelated to Rocky's outstanding eligibility for the award was the important fact that he had a service record, and had seen combat with the Army.

In honoring Marciano, *The Ring* Magazine writes another dramatic chapter into the life of a fighter whose progress in the roped arena has composed one of the most alluring sagas the American ring yet has thrilled to.

Born into a poor family of immigrants from Italy, Marciano had to make his own way from the start. That, of course, hardly is a singular fact in the life of a heavyweight champion.

But Rocky's determination, and his outstanding success, in rising far above his background of seemingly limited possibilities, figure large in the sequence of events which culminated in his receiving this magazine's supreme citation.

MARCIANO achieved his Fighter of the Year citation by a wide margin over Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, the welterweight champion.

The No. 3 man is Jimmy Carruthers, the first Australian to gain a world title. He took the bantam championship from Vic Toweel, of South Africa, in one round.

The No. 4 nominee is Jimmy Carter, lightweight champion, who lost the title to Lauro Salas and took it back from him, within the year.

The No. 5 designation is Yoshio Shirai, flyweight champion, first Japanese native to gain a world title. He beat Dado Marino again in a fifteen-round fight in Tokyo on November 15, and forced the ageing Dado into retirement.

MARCIANO'S triumph in the 1952 Fighter of the Year competition, from a fistic standpoint, traces not alone to his knockout victory over Walcott, and attainment of the title.

The year 1952 was a remarkable one for Marciano in many ways. He had no fewer than five big fights in the twelve months, and in every one of them he scored a knockout.

Rocky started the year on February 13, with his sixth-round victory over Lee Savold. This fight had to be stopped because Savold was in no condition to continue taking the beating which Rocky had been dishing out.

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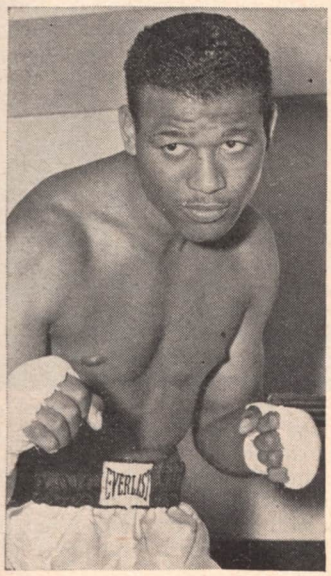
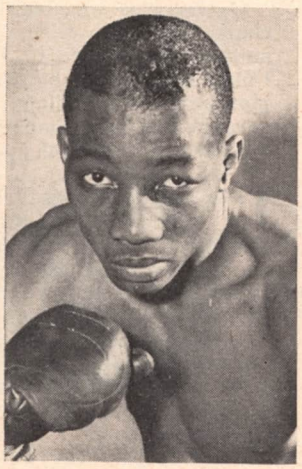
16 TITLE DEFENSES in 1952



Sugar Ray Robinson, middleweight champion of the world.



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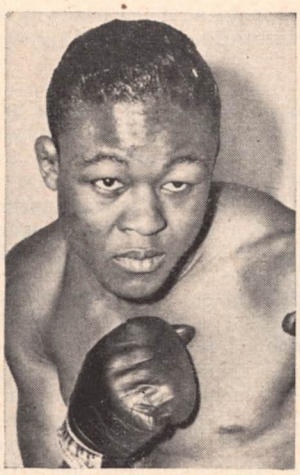


Kid Galivan, Cuban welterweight champion of the world.

The new heavyweight champ of the world, Rocky Marciano.

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE greatest year for championship fights, even surpassing those in which Tommy Burns and Joe Louis each defended the world heavyweight crown seven times, was 1952. Despite a loss of talent due to the drafting of young men into the armed forces, and the closing of clubs in all parts of the country, there was no dearth of activity among the title holders both in our country and abroad.

In every class, except in the featherweight, in which Sandy Saddler, the top man, was made unavailable by Uncle Sam, the champion defended his world crown at least once. It was a year unequalled since the glove era got under way. In addition to world championships, many European and British title bouts were staged.

Considering the difficulty promoters had in making outstanding matches, one is amazed how often champions placed their diadems on the line. Sixteen championship contests were staged, eleven of which took place in America. The nearest approach to those figures is the total of fifteen rolled up in 1941 when Louis, just prior to entering the army, engaged in seven defenses.

Those sixteen championship fights proved a life saver for boxing. Without them, the sport would have suffered a rout, since almost 40 percent of the clubs that had flourished in America in pre-war times, were forced to shut down to avoid bankruptcy, or to curtail their activities.

IN the welterweight and lightweight divisions, the reigning monarchs put their titles on the line against outstanding contenders three times, and in all other classes, twice.

Kid Gavilan of Cuba, world welterweight king, successfully defended his title against Gil Turner, whom he stopped in a thrilling bout in the eleventh round. The Cuban went fifteen rounds with both Bobby Dykes and Billy Graham, the latter in Havana, before the biggest crowd that yet has watched a bout there.

In the lightweight class, Jimmy Carter, defending his title, beat Lauro Salas in Los Angeles, in fifteen rounds then lost the crown to Salas via the decision route. Five months later, Jimmy regained the throne in a fifteen round contest in Chicago. It was the fifth championship fight in which Carter had engaged.

Jersey Joe Walcott figured in two championship matches. In his return engagement with Ezzard Charles in Philadelphia, the Camden, New Jersey, warrior gained the verdict. In his second title defense of the year, he was knocked out by Rocky Marciano in the thirteenth round.

Though around forty, with a score of years of ring activity behind him, Jersey Joe gave the greatest fighting exhibition of his career in that bout. He was ahead on points when the knockout punch was delivered and because of his great display and the thrilling ending, that fight takes its place as the second greatest in modern history in the division.

A CHAMPIONSHIP fight that must be listed among pugilism's oddities, was that in which Joey Maxim, light-heavyweight title holder, faced Sugar Ray Robinson, welterweight king. So one-sided was this handicap affair for the first dozen rounds, that it looked like a walkover for Robbie. He couldn't lose except by a knockout, but instead of taking the kayo wallop from Joey, Ray received it from the intense heat.

Finishing the thirteenth round, Ray went to his corner, collapsed in his seat and lost the fight. The bout went into the record book as a fourteenth round kayo. Even the referee, Ruby Goldstein was felled by the heat. Ray Miller took his place, giving the affair an added distinction in the field of unique contests.

Maxim also had his title at stake in his bout with Archie Moore who for almost seven years has been a top contender.

SUGAR RAY fared better in his own division, in which he twice came through with a triumph. He nosed out Carl (Bobo) Olson in fifteen rounds in San Francisco on March 13, and one month later, stopped Rocky Graziano in Chicago in three rounds.

In the two lowest divisions, Vic Toweel of South Africa didn't fare as well as did Yoshio Shirai. Toweel, after successfully defending his bantam title against Peter Keenan, from whom he won the decision in a fight that went the limit of fifteen rounds at Johannesburg, caught a Tartar in Jimmy Carruthers of Australia who put Toweel away in 2:19 of the opening round in the Rand Stadium of Jo'burg. It was the year's biggest surprise in fisticuffs

and the second fastest knockout ever recorded in a championship contest in that division. Carruthers is the first Australian to win a world title.

Shirai, first Japanese to win a world crown, faced Dado Marino from whom he won the top honors in May and again whipped Dado in fifteen rounds in a return bout in Tokyo on November 15. This time the Jap proved his superiority in almost every round.

Though Saddler has been occupied with his army duties the featherweight division over which he rules has not been idle. In fact, it has been one of the most active due to a desire on the part of the boys to make as much headway as possible before Sandy discards his uniform to don the gloves again.

THE National Boxing Association, both in the feather and bantam class, has kept up the interest in those divisions by staging eliminations. In the featherweight class, the N.B.A. started out on the right foot by naming the boys in America who were eligible for the "interim" championship elimination, but unfortunately took a wrong detour by naming Percy Bassett as the "champion". At no time in 1952 did the Philadelphian fight within the class weight.

After Tommy Collins had knocked out Willie Pep in an overweight match, the N.B.A. decided on the elimination but surprisingly listed only a handful of the eligibles—Collins, Glen Flanagan, Gene Smith, Fabela Chavez, Federico Plummer of Panama and Bassett to fight for the "crown".

Pep, Red Top Davis, Charley Riley, Corky Gonzales, Jackie Graves and Ciro Morasen of Cuba were ignored, though each was entitled to recognition, in some cases far more so than those who were granted elimination status.

Collins, who during the year proved his right to be listed the best U. S. featherweight, quit the tourney when the N.B.A. named Bassett as his opponent in the final, despite Percy's draw with Plummer, a contest in which both he and the Panamanian were several pounds over the class limit.

By retiring from the eliminations, Collins enabled Bassett to receive the N.B.A. recognition as "champion."

COLLINS started the year with the knockout of Joey Cam in two rounds. Then he was stopped by Saddler in five but thereafter he rolled up an excellent record. He halted Fabela Chavez in ten rounds, knocked out Willie Pep in six, Ronnie Clayton, British feather king, in five, and beat Glen Flanagan in fifteen and Lauro Salas, former lightweight king, in ten rounds.

Though Collins announced his retirement from the division, he can make the class limit and before an "interim" champion can be properly recognized. Collins should fight Pep again as a feather and the winner against Bassett who recently, after being defeated by Red Top Davis, turned the tables on him in a return engagement, would furnish a true leader while Saddler remains unavailable.

Pep is going stronger than at any time since his last fight with Saddler. His exhibition against Fabela Chavez in St. Louis on November 19, was a pretty example of the art of self-defense. He is back in his stride and he merits a chance at the crown again.

The National Boxing Association, minus an elimination, named Pappy Gault, of South Carolina, the United States bantam king and arranged his meeting with Fernando Gagnon, Canadian title holder, to decide a North American champion. Gault won and was proclaimed the champion and in a return bout of twelve rounds he again beat Gagnon to strengthen his position.

Gault twice was knocked out by Puppy Garcia, Cuban champ, but each time Garcia scaled 123 pounds. Gagnon stopped Black Pico in four rounds but lost twice to the Cuban bantam. Hence naming Gault North-American champion raises some doubt. The N.B.A. instead, should have arranged a title tourney for North, South and Central America to get the champ on this side of the Atlantic.

THE world picture in boxing in 1952 was not ideal, but it definitely showed an upward trend, particularly in the activity of top ranking fighters. When they are busy there is a general pick up in the sport and that's exactly what took place especially following the Walcott-Marciano bout. The situation should improve in 1953.

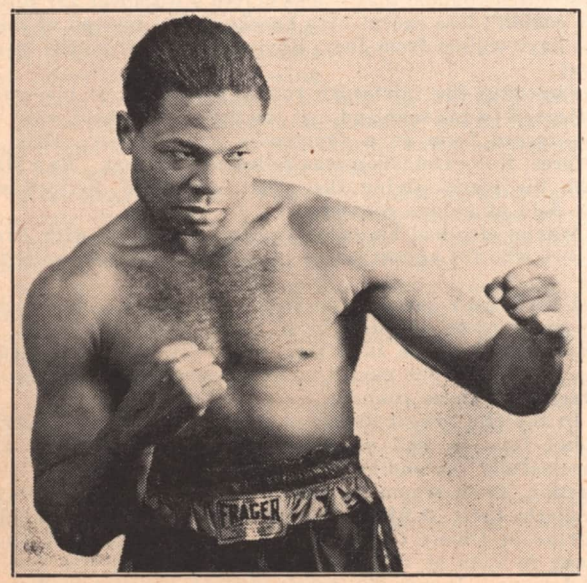
It won't take too much to better the attendance figures and the gates for 1952 which came close to a new low. Only a few of the major attractions drew what could be favorably compared to the gates of the banner years and most of those came as a result of the rise of Rocky Marciano to the top of the heavyweight division.

His victory over Walcott and the publicity attending the thrilling battle, combined with the splendid fight pictures that have drawn close to a million dollars, helped put the sport across at a time when promoters, managers and fighters were singing the blues.

Television again affected boxing during the past year. One cannot ignore video as a cause for the heavy drop in the gate. The year added millions of fight fans to the ever-growing list but they were non-paying fans. If the sponsors of national shows don't see to it that more attractive bouts are staged for a country-wide hookup, even many of these video fans will be lost.

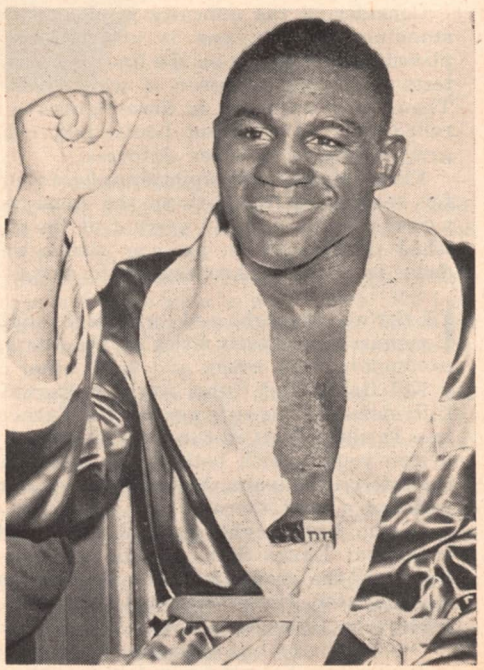
Too many mediocre fights have been staged for country-wide television. Many have been highly unsatisfactory. The fight fans, whether the paid or unpaid, demand the best and they certainly have not been receiving this in the major arenas except occasionally.

New York was the most heavily hit since the big city with its huge number of sets, catered to the greatest number of television viewers of any city in the country



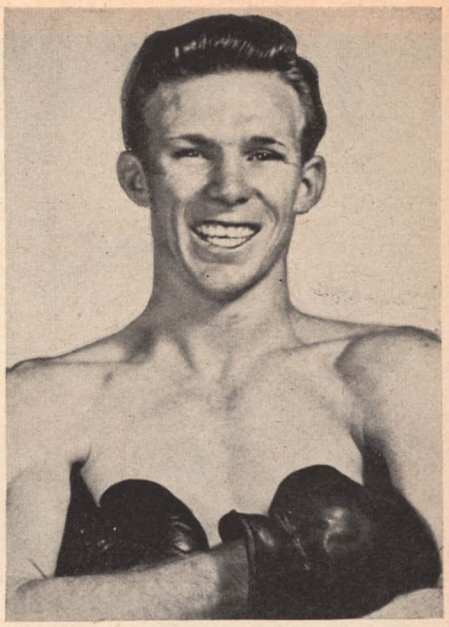
← *Archie Moore, light heavyweight champion.*

→ *Jimmy Carter, lightweight boss, who regained his title from Lauro Salas.*



The flyweight champion of the world, Yoshio Shirai of Japan.

Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, who provided one of the major surprises of 1952 when he won the bantamweight crown from South Africa's Vic Toweel.



The Empire State, which in 1951 boasted of twenty-two clubs, wound up with only seven and of these, one, the Ridgewood Club is operating on a trial basis; Syracuse and Buffalo staged shows only when a good local card could be arranged and only four, the International Boxing Club, White Plains Auditorium, Eastern parkway and the Sunnyside Gardens Arenas operated regularly.

Even the St. Nicholas Club, for many years the incubator for the Garden, had to shut down.

When New York, with its millions to draw from, prefers to see its fight shows on the home screen, what chance has boxing in a city with a small population, to thrive?

American boxing is controlled by the International Boxing Club of which Jim Norris is the head. It owns or controls the largest arenas and has exclusive contracts with leading boxers. With its television set up, it has a nation-wide audience for its Wednesday and Friday night shows. Promoters who seek to stage major contests with a coast-to-coast hookup, cannot operate without a working agreement with the I.B.C. from which permission must be obtained for the use of the top talent controlled by that club. That organization makes the arrangements for television.

The I.B.C., as must be expected under the circumstances, shares in the promotion. The vast empire extends from coast to coast as a result of which most of the small clubs, finding such competition too great, have folded up.

The initiative promoters and matchmakers displayed in the past is gone. It is a cut-and-dried affair with the I.B.C. holding sway over the land. The Norris outfit has been willing to back promoters in cities where shows can be televised on a national hookup and where a fair profit can be realized. Since video is a most important factor in boxing promotion one cannot blame those involved for such a partnership. The fact remains, however, that boxing has not been helped by this arrangement. New York has lost its hold on boxing. The best fights have been taken to other cities by the I.B.C.

Cleveland, St. Louis, Detroit and Washington, among other big cities where boxing in past years was extremely successful through local promotion, to-day are strictly hand-out cities. They operate mostly with talent that has little local appeal and that primarily is responsible for the tremendous fall in boxing attendance and receipts.

ACTION by law enforcement agencies and a tighter grip on boxing control by the various commissions, drove much of the gangster element out of the sport during the past year. But it is not wholly cleared of these objectionable characters, by any means. They work under an overlord who remains in the background. Many of the hoodlums have been driven to cover. Closer cooperation with New York is needed.

Boxing requires these reforms:

1. Encouragement of young boxers by giving them more work.

2. The elimination of cliques who with the aid of promoters and matchmakers have cornered the market. They have their boys participating in the bulk of the main events in our major clubs to the exclusion of young prospects who deserve the opportunity to make the grade. In many parts of the land, capable fighters of high standard are shunted into the background to make room for ordinary talent in the stables of the clique.

Such favoritism in promotion has caused many promising young men to abandon professional boxing since, without the proper connections, they have found their earnings too meager to make it worth while to continue. The boxing commissions are to blame for such situation since they are well aware of it but permit it to go on unchallenged.

3. A more intelligent and realistic evaluation of the hazards of television.

Promoters must realize that to bring out the public for their shows, the cards must stand out. Top talent must be furnished. It has been proved repeatedly that television doesn't interfere with the paying fans when a very attractive card is arranged. Give the fans something worth seeing and they will prefer attending the show in person rather than watching it on television.

Too many inferior fight cards have brought about a drop in video interest according to the ratings. Unless better talent is given the television onlookers, the sponsorship of fights is bound to be affected.

4. The elimination of second-rate fight cards in first-rate arenas where the paying public is entitled to the best.

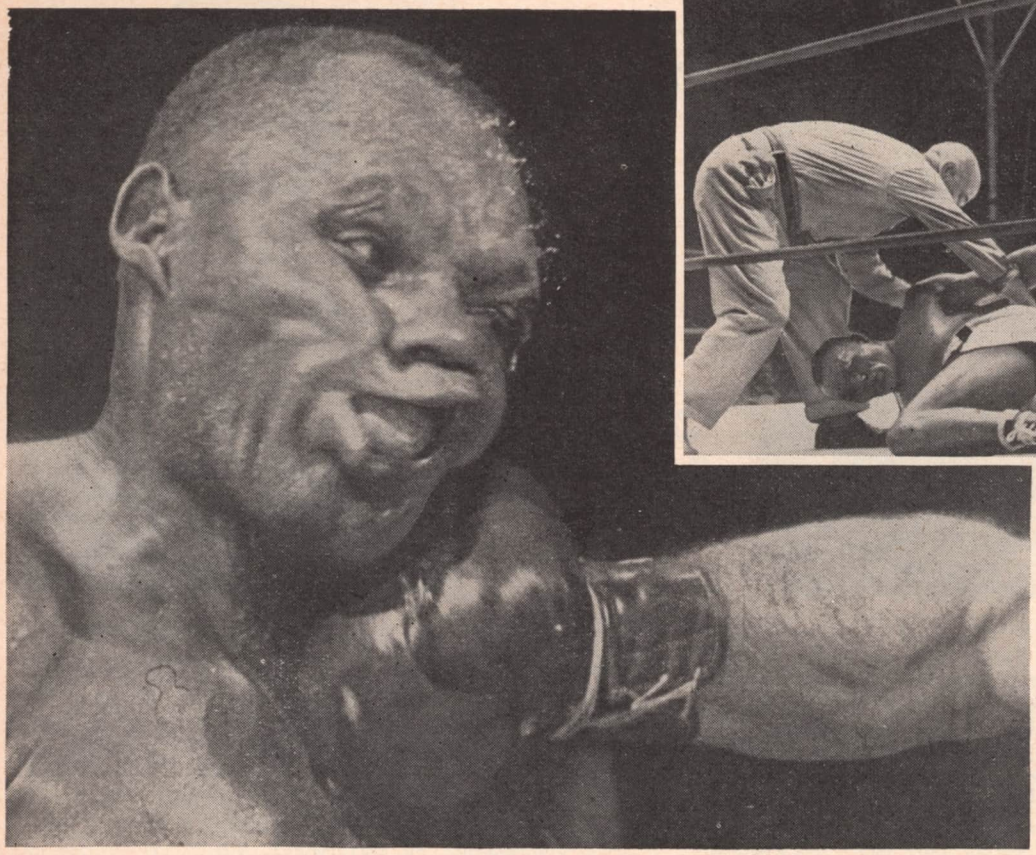
There you have the picture of the fight game as we see it in America.

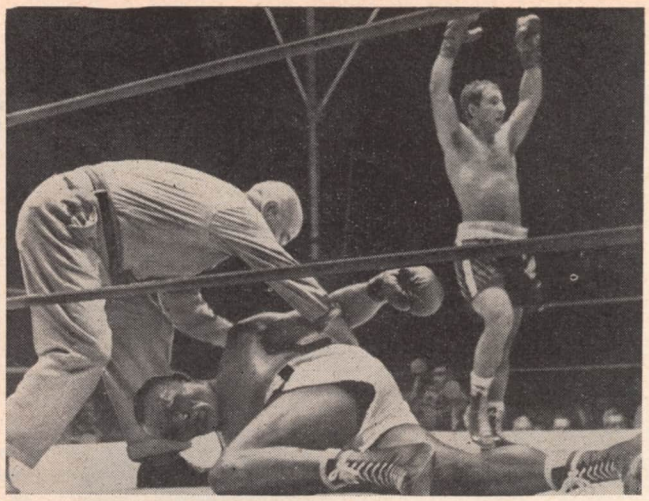
IN England, which in past years has depended a lot on the importation of foreign boxers, particularly from America, big time boxing has been hard hit by increased taxation. Though the promoters have tried to keep the pot boiling by continuing to stage their shows as heretofore, the attendance and corresponding receipts have dropped so heavily that they are finding it difficult to continue.

Most of the shows that have drawn well, have been charity affairs in which a promoter didn't have to appeal for public support. Even Jack Solomons, who in the past has had a sell out for almost all his shows, is feeling the pinch. The tax has affected him as it has the smaller clubs.

They are all struggling against over-whelming odds and Solomons, the big shot in European boxing, for the first time in years has been forced to advertise that he has seats available on the day of a fight! The promotion situation has become more acute with each show and the outlook is black.

Unless the tax burden is lifted in 1953, boxing in England will fall to the pre-war level.





The punch that was the beginning of the end. A right to the jaw that toppled Jersey Joe Walcott from his heavyweight throne. (Above) Walcott is on the canvas, his crown gone as Marciano dances with joy, his goal reached in 43 seconds of the thirteenth round at Philadelphia.

ROCKY'S TITLE WINNER EASILY FIGHT OF YEAR

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

JUST as Rocky Marciano, through his thirteen-round knockout triumph over Jersey Joe Walcott at Philadelphia on September 23, clinched the Fighter of the Year citation of *The Ring* Magazine by a wide margin, so did that memorable battle in the vast Municipal Stadium stand out stridently as the Fight of the Year. And just as emphatically did the last round of that struggle gain the distinction of being the Round of the Year.

Thus did Marciano wrap up a formidable package of laurels with the righthander which laid Walcott low, and left the Brockton Bruiser the champion of the world.

In the allotment of Fight of the Year distinctions, second place must go to the dramatic scrap in which Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, successfully defended the welterweight crown against Gil Turner, of Philadelphia, in the same ring which was to see Marciano win the title. Turner ran out of gas in the eleventh round on that hot July night, but for ten sessions he gave the Hawk a torrid time.

The No. 3 choice among the Fights of the Year goes to the November 15 all too brief affair at Johannesburg, South Africa, in which Jimmy Carruthers, of Australia, knocked out Vic Toweel, local hero, in the first round. Carruthers made himself the bantamweight champion of the world, the first Australian to get a world title.

The No. 4 fight was that in which Marciano knocked out Harry Matthews in the second round in Yankee Stadium, as a prelude to the victory over Walcott.

The No. 5 designation goes to the return contest between Jimmy Carter and Lauro Salas, in which Carter regained the lightweight championship from Salas. This was no truly spectacular fight, but it was well contested, well conceived by the winner, and important.

THERE were 40,379 onlookers in the Municipal Stadium, the fringe of Philadelphia, where Gene Tunney had taken the title from Jack Dempsey, when Marciano and Walcott responded to the opening bell. The receipts were $504,645, not exactly formidable financially, but terrific for a young man from Brocktin who never had seen so gorgeous a vista.

Charley Daggert was the referee, and Pete Tomasco and Zach Clayton were the judges.

As round followed round, Tomasco and Clayton took on greater and greater importance. It looked as if they would have to hand down the big decision.

However, with Daggert's card showing only four rounds for Marciano, one even and seven for Walcott; with Tomasco's displaying a seven-to-five score against the challenger; and with Clayton's giving Jersey Joe eight rounds, Marciano took the matter very much in his own hands. He crashed a right to the jaw, and the score sheets were torn up.

Once upon a time, the question as to whether a white man or a Negro was the heavyweight champion was considered very important by many followers of boxing.

When Jack Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries at Reno on July 4, 1910, the result was regarded as significant in racial supremacy. There were riots in Chicago and New York.

When Marciano knocked out Walcott, the fact that a Caucasian had regained the title, which had been held by Negro boxers since Joe Louis stopped Jimmy Braddock in Chicago in 1937, rated just one sentence in newspaper accounts. That's how it should be.

THAT the fight between the favored, hard hitting but as yet unpolished Marciano, and the wily, crafty, over 40 trouper Walcott would be dramatic, was a certainty before a

glove had landed that September night in Philadelphia.

That the struggle would go into the history of the heavyweight class as one of the most viciously fought, determinedly contested, and thrillingly pulse quickening combats since John L. Sullivan's heyday, became certain before the sixth round had unfolded itself.

Marciano fought his way to the title after having suffered the only knockdown of his career in the very first round. Never before in 42 fights had Rocky been floored, and he took this untoward incident as a direct personal insult. Up at three, he rallied strongly, swarmed all over Walcott, and doggedly went on to win the title.

Marciano's ability to rise from that knockdown gave Walcott a vital blow in his morale, in his confidence. A blow not quite so powerful had knocked out Ezzard Charles and given the title to Jersey Joe. But Walcott's Sunday punch was thrown off by Rocky as if it had been some chance blow in a training workout.

Marciano's trip to the canvas was the only knockdown of the fight until Walcott was beaten in the thirteenth. But the battle certainly did not lack trenchant, vibrant vitality at any phase. Nor did Rocky emerge unscathed.

He bled from a cut on the crown of his head, suffered in a head to head collision with Joe in the merry sixth round. Marciano also had a cut right eye and a puffed left eye. The loser got a bad gash over his left eye.

Round of the Year for 1952

THIRTEENTH Round; Rocky Marciano vs. Jersey Joe Walcott. Philadelphia Municipal Stadium. September 23.

Marciano, coming out of his corner with the realization that he was trailing on points, and had to score a knockout to gain the fight, and the title, lost no time in making contact with Walcott. Rocky crashed a left to the body. It had everything behind it and Walcott was hurt. He retreated. Marciano tore in after his quarry and belted a terrific right to the jaw. Walcott toppled. His head was on the canvas, but he was on one knee. He was out, his title gone. The round had lasted only 43 seconds.

WALCOTT fought a well planned battle. Those who had jumped at the 8 to 5 odds in favor of the challenger had done so with confidence that the ageing Joe would not be able to navigate much beyond the eighth.

They believed that Walcott's legs would give out. But it wasn't because of his legs that Joe failed. That he tired is certain. His years finally caught up with him. But right up to the end, those old pins of his served him well. And so did his courage and determination. So did his finesse and his ring generalship, against a much younger battler who, by comparison, was a very tyro. It was his greatest battle.

But Marciano had Youth, Power, the Consummate Punch, and these paid off handsomely.

As the fight got under way, Walcott missed with a long left. They clinched. Then Joe rapped a right to the head, followed with lefts and rights to the jaw which threw the crowd into a Bedlam, and made the champion's supporters feel that this fight would see no second round.

A left hook to the jaw sent Marciano down, and when he arose at three, he was wilder than ever. Wild, and, it seemed, panicky.

A short left to the mouth hurt Rocky and he bled. Over his left eye, a welt appeared.

The sharp attack did not deter Rocco, nor did it make him cautious. He hooked a left to the body, then ripped right and left to the head, and now, as the bell rang, Marciano's adherents were making the welkin ring. It was mostly through relief. Marciano had had a rough baptism under championship fire.

Marciano's supporters felt he had taken the initiative away from Joe in the second round. Referee Daggert scored it for Rocky, but the two judges gave it to Walcott. Marciano hooked a left to the jaw just as the session ended, and it hurt.

According to Daggert, Walcott won the third, but the two judges gave it to Marciano, and he deserved it. At the finish, Joe almost hit the deck from a left and a right to the head. Marciano's dogged, bull-like attack at close quarters began to get in its wearing effect in this round.

MARCIANO got the fourth round, chiefly by staying in close and hammering away, as per instructions from Charley Goldman and Al Weill. In alloting laurels for the rise of the new champion, Charley, in particular, cannot be ignored. A more clever ring technician and planner hasn't been around.

There was no question as to which of the combatants had the better of the fifth round. Marciano had it all the way. He kept tearing in, and had Joe backing away. Rocky got the sixth session, as well.

As the sixth round started, Marciano came very close to landing a highly damaging blow. He ripped a right to the jaw. The punch grazed Walcott's noggin. Had he taken it full, the battle might have ended then and there.

Marciano then hammered a right to the body and got a right to the head in return. Rocco then rushed Joe to the ropes and missed a left hook by a cat's whisker.

Rocky walloped his man in close, and while he missed often at the longer range, got in a lot of damaging blows. One of the judges scored this round for Walcott. Daggert and Tomasco gave it to Marciano.

The seventh round belonged to Walcott. So did the eighth. The ninth saw Marciano earn a shade.

Before the ninth round, there was an official protest from Weill to the referee. Marciano's manager said that a rubbing liquid which was being used on Walcott between rounds was affecting Marciano's eyes.

Marciano won the ninth round, but had to take a draw for the tenth. In the eleventh round, Walcott's superior boxing skills stood out to a marked degree. Joe hurt his man with a hard right to the heart and then staggered him with rights and lefts to the head. At the bell, Rocco showed a cut over his right eye.

AS the twelfth round opened, Marciano shot a left to the body. He missed with a left hook for the jaw. He missed again. Then he landed a right to the body. However, Walcott twice shoved his left into the Brockton Buster's face.

Marciano then dug a right into the body but did nothing more than graze Joe's face with a left. Joe was taking a lot of punishment, but he also was dishing it out. There was no doubt that, as the bell ended the twelfth, he had the round, and barring a knockout, or an amazing scientific flareup by Rocco in the last three rounds, Joe also had the decision.

At the bell in the thirteenth, Marciano rushed to the attack, half crouched. Walcott became cautious. He had the fight. Why take chances?

Walcott kept backing, and pecking and pawing with both gloves. Joe circled around. Marciano rushed him, and with left and right, drove his man to the ropes.

Marciano launched a left for the head, but Joe blocked it. Rocky shot a left for the body, but this, too, was parried.

Here Walcott swayed slightly. His left arm was down. His shoulder was down. Here was the opening. Marciano responded with a right, and the fight was over.

THE crafty Walcott made just two big mistakes in the thirteen rounds.

His first error came in the opening round. After he had floored Marciano, he turned his back on him. Joe must have felt certain that Marciano would take a count of nine. In any event, Rocky was up at three and Walcott lost several seconds by failure to face his quarry, and be prepared for a furious follow-up.

Joe's second and fatal error was leaving that opening for Marciano's finisher.

Walcott went into the fight confronted with the likelihood that he would have to go the fifteen rounds to win.

Marciano knew that he had to tag Joe just once, but good. And he did.

The Marciano knockout of Walcott stands out as, by far, the greatest achievement for 1952.

Now we face 1953, and a return fight. Will that, too, make itself the Battle of the Year?

The chances are that Walcott turned in his supreme performance on September 23, 1952, and that Marciano will finish his much older rival before the thirteenth in their second engagement.

However, there is no discounting this man Walcott, skilled and game.

By JERSEY JONES

WORLD BOXING HITS SNAG

Stymied in an attempt to bring together Randy Turpin and Ray Robinson in a "rubber" match, Jack Solomons headlined the British middleweight champion on four shows.

TAKEN by and large, 1952 was an uninspired year in the international sock market. The steady decline in top talent and outstanding attractions was by no means restricted to American rings. It was universal in scope. Throughout Europe, the far-flung expanses of the British Empire, and the other theatres of global operations, there were comparatively few bouts of major importance. Probably the most notable developments were (a) the successful culmination of Australia's long quest for a world champion, and (b) the arrival of a new entry, Japan, in the titular listings. Otherwise, the year was practically devoid of momentous happenings in international competition. The main complaint in many sectors was the same as in the United States—a general falling-off in both quality and quantity of homebred favorities. Few worthwhile youngsters moved up to replace the fading veterans.

Lack of vision and enterprise in American promoters and managers, and a strange unwillingness on their part to cooperate, deprived England and France of several matches that could have enlivened the world situation.

A tremendous attraction in Paris would have pitted Kid Gavilan against Charley Humez in a showdown for the disputed welterweight title. The bout, an automatic sellout in the Palais des Sports, not only would have been a big thing for boxing in France, but it offered possibilities of another Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin development. Had Humez beaten Gavilan in Paris, he was prepared to accommodate the Kid in a return match in New York within 90 days—as Turpin had done with Robinson after his sensational victory over Ray in London the year before. But those directing the ring destinies of Gavilan refused to consider the deal, and the Paris match failed to materialize. Subsequently, Humez relinquished his welterweight claims, moved up into the middleweight class, and the argument with Gavilan, which could have meant so much to international boxing, fizzled away.

JACK SOLOMONS, the London promoter, met up with a couple of disappointments in his ambitious plans for 1952. Jack had fond hopes of staging two world title bouts, but neither one of them happened. First, he tried to get Robinson and Turpin together in a third and "rubber" meeting for the middleweight laurels, but Sugar Ray wasn't interested, and the bout didn't progress beyond the conversational stage.

Then Solomons counted on having Joey Maxim defend his light-heavyweight title in London, but all he collected for his efforts —which included two hops across the Atlantic to New York—was a series of headaches. Originally, Jack wanted Maxim to meet Don Cockell, but he shifted to Turpin as the opponent when Randy whipped Cockell. Maxim's manager flatly refused to do business, despite Solomons' readiness to guarantee Joey the biggest payday of his career.

With no world championship offerings on his schedule, Solomons did the best he could with what talent was available, and reported a fairly active and reasonably successful year. Turpin continued to be his top attraction. He headlined four of Jack's cards. In his first outing, Randy polished off his leading British middleweight rival, Alex Buxton, in seven rounds. Then he halted the French light-heavyweight champion, Jacques Hairabedian, in the third. In his next start, Randy acquired the British 175-pound title by disposing of Cockell in the eleventh, and completed his run by successfully defending his British Empire middleweight laurels in fifteen rounds with George Angelo, the South African.

Among Solomons' other promotions of the year was the battle in which Johnny Williams became British heavyweight champion by edging out Jack Gardner in fifteen rounds.

ASIDE from Solomons' ventures in London, probably the most important match, from an international standpoint, staged in England during 1952 was the featherweight meeting of the European champion, Ray Famechon of France, and the spectacular African Gold Coaster, Roy Ankarah, holder of the British Empire title. The bout was promoted by Reg King in Nottingham. Famechon had too much ring savvy for the bustling, durable Ankarah and won decisively in fifteen rounds.

A sensational debut by an unknown colonial flyweight also was among the year's main developments in Britain. Jake Tuli, a youthful Zulu, landed in England with a record of only ten bouts with obscure native opponents in South Africa, but he shaped up so well in training that the Newcastle promoter, Joe Shepherd, decided to take a chance with him. It was a long chance—but it paid off! Tuli, making the most of the opportunity, blasted his way to a startling twelve-round knockout of Teddy Gardner, relieving that cagey veteran of the Empire flyweight title!

Aside from Turpin's continued success, and the rise of clever Frankie Johnson to the top of the national lightweight

heap, Britishers didn't have much to cheer about during the year, but they gathered some encouragement for the future from the steady progress of several promising youngsters, among them light-heavyweight George Walker of London, middleweight Johnny Sullivan of Preston, and featherweights Sammy McCarthy of London and Johnny Butterworth of Rochdale.

WITH two of their former favorites, Robert Villemain and Laurent Dauthuille fading from the big-time scene, the French relied mainly on middleweight Charley Humez and featherweight Ray Famechon for their major ring entertainment. Both boys were active during the year. Three of Humez' eleven victories were registered in Paris at the expense of visiting Americans—Norman Hayes, Tony Janiro and Eugene Hairston.

The industrious Famechon scattered his year's efforts, with three appearances in France, two in England, two in Italy, two in Belgium and one in Morocco. Besides his important meeting with Roy Ankarah in England, Ray twice defended his European featherweight laurels—and in the bailiwicks of the challengers! First, he stopped the British champion, Ronnie Clayton, in five rounds in Nottingham, then ambled along to Milan to wreck the Italian titleholder, Nello Barbadoro, in four.

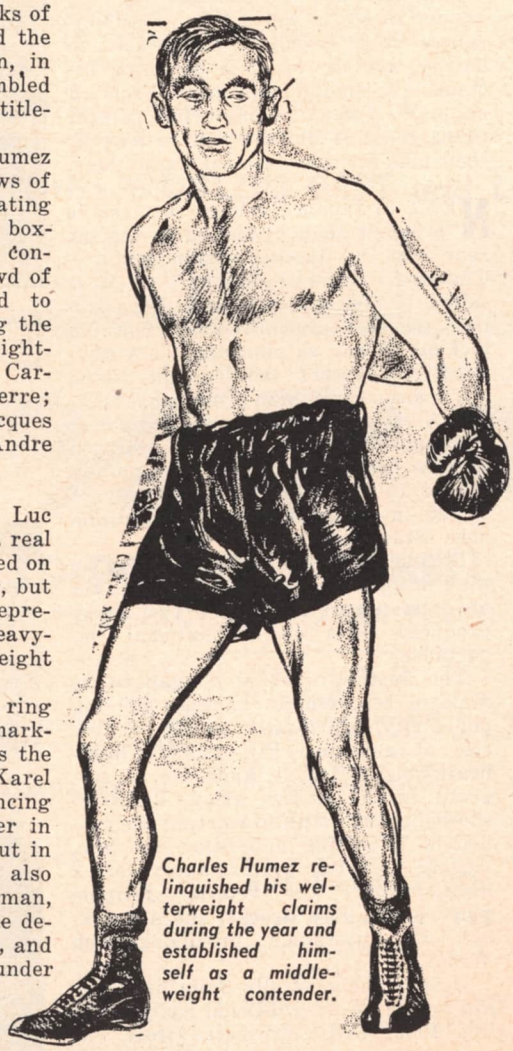
Aside from the activities of Humez and Famechon, there was little news of international importance emanating from France during the year, but boxing throughout the land of the lily continued at a brisk pace, and a crowd of up-and-coming youngsters helped to enliven the general scene. Among the best of the newcomers were lightweights Jacques Prigent and the Carrara brothers, Louis and Pierre; featherweights Ray Grassi and Jacques Bataille and bantamweights Andre Valignat and Robert Cohen.

THE retirement of middleweight Luc van Dam left Holland without a real headliner, and boxing there operated on a small-time scale during the year, but Belgium continued to be capably represented in major competition by heavyweight Karel Sys and bantamweight Jean Sneyers.

At the age of 38, and with a ring record dating back to 1932, the remarkable Sys still rated, unofficially, as the best big fellow in the Old World. Karel began his year's activities by trouncing Hein ten Hoff in a fifteen-rounder in Brussels for the European title, but in his next start he lost his laurels, also in fifteen rounds, to another German, Heinz Neuhaus, in Dortmund. The decision was hotly disputed, however, and in a return, but non-title, ten-rounder in Antwerp, Sys tossed a neat boxing lesson into Neuhaus. During the year, the Belgian flattened another German favorite, Connie Rux, in the third round in Berlin, and demolished the touring American, Aaron Wilson, in six stanzas in Brussels.

Sneyers, a fine little fighting machine, copped the European bantam title from the Scot, Peter Keenan, and accounted for another impressive performance when he held featherweight Ray Famechon to a draw. The cocky Belgian suffered one surprising defeat during the year when he was stopped by Gaetano Annaloro, but he squared that account by giving the Tunisian a rugged going-over in a return bout. Sneyers' other 1952 accomplishments included wins over Sam Conforti and Dante Bini of France and Nicola Funari and Guido Ferracin of Italy.

Australian triple champion Dave Sands' tragic passing was a serious blow to the Commonwealth and left Jimmy Carruthers their only fighter successful in international competition.



Charles Humez relinquished his welterweight claims during the year and established himself as a middleweight contender.

Another Belgian who did well for himself during the year was Andre de Keersgieter, whose top performance was a stunning two-round knockout of England's No. 2 middleweight, Alex Buxton, in London.

THE most active of the Scandinavian nations, Denmark came up with its first European champion since the close of World War II when Joergen Johansen wrested the lightweight title from the Finn, Elis Ask, in Copenhagen. In two subsequent defenses of his laurels, also in Copenhagen, Johansen was held to a draw by Tommy McGovern and edged out a close decision over Duilio Loj of Italy.

Boxing cards in Copenhagen were staged on a regular monthly basis, and were well supported by the populace. Teams from Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy were imported to meet the local entries. Besides Johansen, the Danish lineup usually featured light-heavyweight Erik Jensen, middleweight Martin Hansen, welterweight Chris Christensen and featherweight Asger Warburg.

There was no boxing of consequence in Norway during the year, and only occasional minor cards in Sweden and Finland.

Ring action continued at a lively pace throughout Germany, with Berlin, Dortmund, Hamburg, Kiel and Dusseldorf as the main bases of operations, and fights generally were well attended. From a standpoint of international prestige, however, results were not all the natives could have looked for. Heinz Neuhaus' acquisition of the European heavyweight title was the most encouraging development, but it wasn't enough to offset the disappointing records of such favorites as heavyweight Hein ten Hoff, light-heavyweight Connie Rux and middleweight Peter Muller. Aside from Neuhaus, the most consistent German performers were light-heavyweight Gerhard Hecht and welterweight Gustav Scholz.

With heavyweight Werner Wiegand as its chief attraction, Luxembourg staged several shows that drew well during the year, and Switzerland reported "business as usual" with regular cards in Geneva. The veteran bantam, 34-year-old Caliostro Etter, continued as the leading Swiss representative.

CAMPAIGNING as a featherweight, former European bantam champion Luis Romero was still head man in the Spanish scene. The 31-year-old southpaw topped most of the cards in Madrid and Barcelona. Another Spanish favorite was hard-hitting lightweight Augustin Argote, who did most of his important fighting in Bilbao.

In neighboring Portugal, a few shows were staged in Lisbon, and the promoters seemed quite satisfied with results, but their main problem was a shortage in local talent. Middleweight

Raphael DaSylva was the best of the modest supply.

Boxing continued to flourish in Italy, despite the generally poor calibre of native ringsters. Perhaps the best of the lot were middleweight Ivano Fontana, lightweight Duilio Loi and bantamweight Gianni Zuddas. While Rome and Milan were the leading centers of Italian ring activity, the sport also drew well in Florence, LaSpezia, Turin, Bologna, Trieste and Bergamo, as well as the Sardinian capital of Cagliari.

During the year another effort was made to popularize boxing in Turkey, and a few shows were staged in Istanbul with fair success.

Boxing still was popular in the North African lands of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis, but fights for the most part were local affairs, with few developments of international importance.

SOUTH AFRICA'S main interest, of course, centered in the doings of Vic Toweel, and Vic proved a tremendous attraction in three defenses of his world bantamweight title in Johannesburg. Successful in turning back the challenges of Luis Romero of Spain and Peter Keenan of Scotland, Toweel became the sensational victim of boxing's No. 1 upset of the year when Jimmy Carruthers of Australia blasted him out in less than one round.

Aside from Toweel's activities, there wasn't much news of consequence relayed out of South Africa in 1952. Most of the Union's better fighters—heavyweights Johnny Arthur and Lou Strydom, middleweights George Angelo, Joe Munro and Duggie Miller, and welterweight Gerald Dreyer—did most of their campaigning in Europe and America. Two of them were beaten in bids for Empire titles in England, Arthur getting himself stopped in seven rounds by Johnny Williams in Leicester, and Angelo losing a fifteen-round decision to Randy Turpin in London.

Action on the home front in South Africa was contributed mainly by welterweight Pat Patrick, lightweight Tony Habib, featherweight Tony Lombard and flyweight Marcus Temple.

The spectacular success of Jake Tuli in England represented a grimly ironical touch to South African boxing. Because of the strict segregation laws, "mixed" bouts between whites and blacks are not permitted there, and the Negroes—or "non-Europeans" as they are called—cannot fight for the Union's official ring titles. Thus, Tuli, a Zulu, could not challenge for the flyweight championship held by Temple. But he ambled to England and picked up something much more important when he knocked out Teddy Gardner for the Empire laurels.

CARRUTHERS' startling knockout of Toweel in Johannesburg was far and away the big news in Australia's year of boxing. After many long decades of ambitious effort, so often fraught with disappointment and even tragedy, the island continent had finally come up with its first undisputed world champion.

Little southpaw Jimmy's spectacular achievement did much to make Australians forget an otherwise poor year of ring industry. With the tragic passing of middleweight Dave Sands, fatally injured in a motor accident, Carruthers represented the Commonwealth's only serious bid for international prestige. There was no other homebred who rated above the status of ordinary, and the generally poor crop of local entries was reflected in the dwindling box-office receipts at Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Newcastle and the other normally thriving centers of fistic activity. A significant commentary on boxing conditions Down Under was that a visiting American, veteran welterweight Freddie Dawson of Chicago, became one of the top attractions there during the year.

One encouraging feature, however, was the steady progress of several promising youngsters who shaped up as good bets for future headline billing. One of the likeliest was Pat Ford, a lightweight with a load of emphasis packed in his punches.

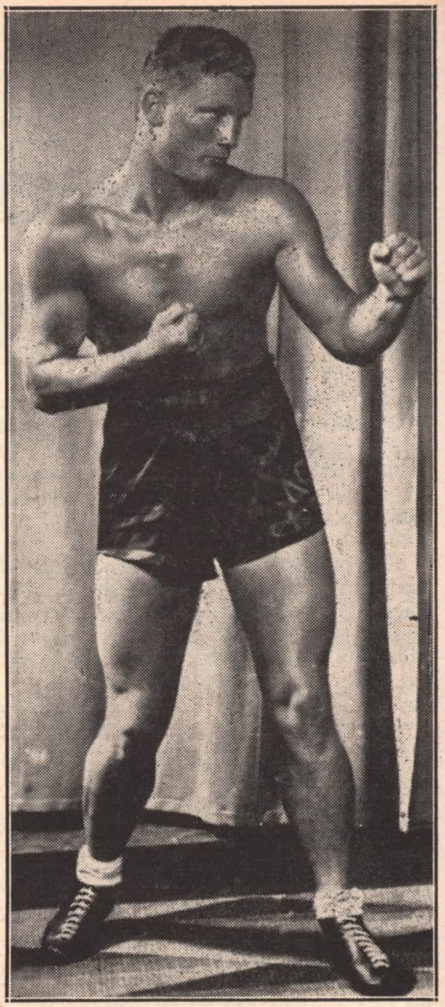
Probably the most important advance in boxing in 1952 was reported in Japan, where flyweight Yoshio Shirai became the first of his race in ring history to win a world title. The Nipponese seem peculiarly adaptable to boxing, and the sport is becoming increasingly popular with them. From all accounts, it won't be long before several countrymen of Shirai's will be making their bids for international reputations.

NEXT to Japan, the most remarkable progress made by boxing during the year was in another Asian sector—Thailand. "Western boxing," as it is called, to distinguish it from the peculiar native version—which features kicking as well as punching—is a comparatively recent development there, but it has caught on in sensational fashion. A recent match, in which Siamese bantam Chamrern Songkitrat whipped Speedy Cabanella of the Philippines, played to an enthusiastic turnout of 15,000 in Bangkok's modern Radjamnern Stadium!

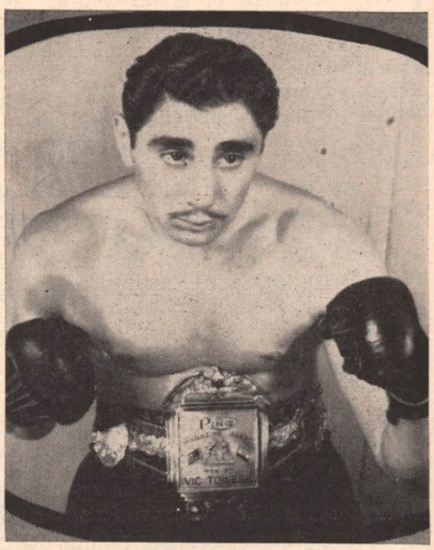
Boxing continued to be popular in the Philippines, but with a general lack of outstanding homebreds, the shows produced little of international importance.

The bustling port of Singapore, in Malaya, reported an increase in ring popularity, attributed mainly to the rise of a young Fiji Islands light-heavyweight, Ismeli Radrodro, a sergeant in the British army. Radrodro showed enough stuff to warrant the promoters importing opposition for him. Among his better performances were a decision over the veteran Filipino journeyman, Roy Brooks, and a knockout of Australia's promising Jim Woods.

Despite the generally uninspired record posted by international boxing during 1952, early prospects were encouraging for a livelier year ahead, with Champions Shirai and Carruthers defending their laurels, and important matches, with direct bearings on world titles, pending for Randy Turpin of England and Charles Humez and Ray Famechon of France.



Karel Sys of Belgium, though 38, rates as the best of the heavyweights in Europe. He has been campaigning for more than a score of years.



Vic Toweel who turned back the challenges of Luis Romero and Peter Keenan was South Africa's main interest. Victim of boxing's No. 1 upset of the year, he was blasted out in less than a round in losing the bantamweight title.

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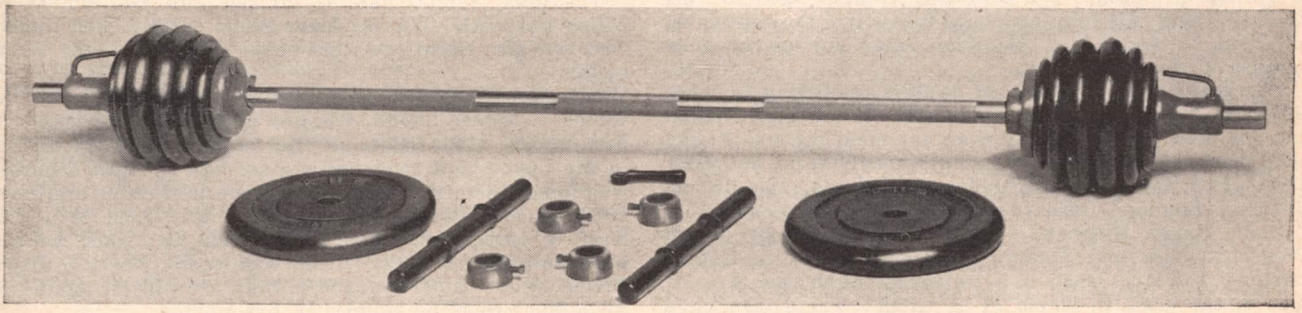

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RING RATINGS EMBRACE WORLD

Rex Layne who returned to the top ranking heavyweights.

Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu middleweight, leading U. S. contender.

By NAT FLEISCHER

ELSEWHERE in this issue, "The Fighter of the Year" and "The Fight of the Year" are discussed and now for "The Ranking of Boxers for 1952". As in the past twenty-six years, this has been done on the basis of accomplishment during the year and no one is listed on what he did the previous year or what he is capable of doing and didn't, during the past twelve months. Because of the lack of activity on the part of many boxers who engaged in only one or two fights, the list of rated talent is about half of what it had been in previous years with only a total of 1732 from all parts of the world named. The drop was brought about by the draft of many lads into the armed forces and the shut-down of about 42 percent of American clubs during the year because of poor patronage.

The year's records show top fighters competing in more than one division but only in the case of Randolph Turpin has one been placed in more than one class because Randy holds both the British Empire light-heavyweight and middleweight titles and must, under the rules of the British Board of Boxing Control, defend each or vacate one. Don Cockell, Harry Matthews, Harold Johnson, Rocky Jones, Danny Nardico and Tommy Harrison are in the double category but since each is a legitimate light-heavyweight, that is the class in which he is rated. These men have found it more profitable to compete against heavyweights but can make the class limit in the lower division.

OF the eight champions who held a title at the end of 1951, Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan, Jimmy Carter and Sandy Saddler were the leaders in their division as 1952 came to a close.

Gavilan, who was deadlocked with Charley Humez, of France for universal recognition as welterweight king in 1951, today is one of the world's outstanding fighters, the king of his class.

Jimmy Carter, who lost his lightweight title to Lauro Salas, regained it before 1952 ended.

Sandy Saddler, a member of the United States Armed Forces, has been prevented from plying his trade, but retains his crown.

Jersey Joe Walcott lost the heavyweight championship to Rocky Marciano; Vic Toweel dropped his bantam laurels to Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, and Dado Marino was deposed in the flyweight section by Yoshio Shirai.

So much for the title holders whose performances are discussed in another article in this issue.

The biggest surprises in 1952 boxing were the sudden rise to fistic fame of Jimmy Carruthers and Jake Tuli, a youngster from the Gold Coast of Africa. Carruthers' knockout of Toweel gave Australia its first world champion and Tuli came up from the novice class in his tenth pro fight to win the British Empire flyweight championship and to assume the top ranking post as world contender for Shirai's crown.

MARCIANO, Carruthers and Tuli figure prominently in the Annual Ranking of World Fighters for 1952. Marciano, though crude in the science of boxing, makes up for that with the power of his fists. His knockout of Joe Walcott in a bout in which he turned the tide when defeat stared him in the face, earned for him the top honors for the year. In gaining the position, he was forced to overcome the great exhibition of his opponent, the aged Joe Walcott, who in defeat, was far better than at any time in his long career.

The heavyweight class is divided into two classes for rating purposes. Walcott leads group one and Bob Dunlap, who can also make the light-heavy class limit, the second section.

Although Ezzard Charles lost a close decision to Rex Layne in Ogden, Utah, Charles gets the preference over Rex because of his better all-over record. Since the decision in the Layne bout rendered against him by Jack Dempsey, who handed two rounds to Layne, one to Charles and called seven even, Charles has fought his way back to a challenger's post by knocking out Bernie Reynolds, handing a shellacking to Cesar Brion and easily beating Jimmy Bivins, while Layne engaged in only one contest against Al Spaulding whom he stopped in five rounds.

A return bout between Layne and Charles should give to the International Boxing Club the September opponent for the heavyweight champion, but until then, the all-around record of Charles entitles him to a higher rating for the twelve months than that of his conqueror.

IN the light heavyweight division, the best progress for the year was made by Harold Johnson of Philadelphia. He is ranked second in our world selections of contenders. Harry Matthews, who prefers to fight heavyweights, is next in line. He can readily make the class limit and should confine his efforts to that division where he is far superior than in the higher class.

Ray Robinson furnishes an enigma. Whether he will defend his crown during 1953 remains to be seen but as a middleweight, he tops all for the past twelve months with Randolph Turpin of England, his leading challenger. Carl Bobo Olson of Honolulu rates second best with Charley Humez of France, whose last three performances were below par, third and Ernie Durando, fourth. Should Robinson retire or be retired by the various ruling world boxing bodies because of inactivity, then an elimination in which Humez and Turpin are pitted against each other for the European title and Olson and Durando for the American crown, would provide the two to fight it out for Ray's crown. Since Sugar Ray is an American and the title was won by him from Turpin in New York, it is only proper that

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Chuck Davey Wins Ring Progress Award

CHUCK DAVEY

By NAT LOUBET

FOR over three decades, *The Ring* has attempted to bring to its readers anything and everything of importance in the field of pugilism. Under the able leadership of its editor, the finest staff of boxing authorities grouped anywhere in the world has been assembled. Its correspondents cover every part of the globe. Annually *The Ring* brings to its readers the results of the year picked by these men who know the score.

Elsewhere in this publication are the results of a poll determining the "Fighter of The Year," "Fight of The Year," "Round of the The Year," "oddities," "fatalities," outstanding photos et al.

This year for the first time it was decided that this publication should nominate the man who in 1952 had emerged from a position of a relatively "unknown" to that of a rated fighter, one who had established himself as a threat to the leaders in his division. The nominee was to be a fighter whose progress during the year was so startling as to leave no doubt of his worthiness to receive the Progress Award.

The choice was not easy. The four corners of the world were scoured and each country carefully examined to determine which could furnish the lucky fellow.

ONE man emerged, above all competitors, for the award—Chuck Davey. The winner is an unusual figure in boxing. He's a young man who held several intercollegiate titles and amateur championships, who graduated from college and followed the path of professional boxing while studying for his masters degree, during which period he also taught school.

Chuck, for his boxing progress, his rise from a novice to a position which will soon give him a chance to fight for the world welterweight crown and for the example that he has set for the youth of America, is awarded "The Ring Progress Trophy." This will be received by the Detroit lad at the annual Boxing Writers' Association Dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on January 15th.

Although he is ranked only fifth among a world selection of welterweights, Davey is an outstanding fighter in his division. His record shows victories over Chico Vejar, Rocky Graziano, Johnny Brown and a draw and win over Carmen Basilio; knockouts over Vejar, Ike Williams, Joe Garza and Fitzie Pruden.

IN making our choice, many names were brought forward but in all cases some factor came to the fore to swamp the colors. Jimmie Carruthers, Australian, who pulled one of the year's major upsets by knocking out Vic. Toweel of South Africa for the world bantamweight title in less than a round at Johannesburg, seemed a likely prospect. But superb as was the achievement of Carruthers, the Aussie had gained the Australian bantam crown the previous year and had at that time been heralded by this publication as one of the outstanding contenders for bantam honors.

Yoshio Shirai of Japan, who like Carruthers, brought a world title to his country for the first time when he defeated Dado Marino for the flyweight championship, also stood high on the list of competitors for the award. But since he had won the Japanese flyweight and bantamweight titles in 1949 and had scored a knockout over Dado Marino in seven heats after losing a ten rounder to the Hawaiian, he had progressed too far to be considered for this year's award.

A MAN carefully passed upon for the award, was Jacob N'Tuli, a 21 year old South African Zulu, who has had 14 professional fights without a loss and who won the British Empire flyweight title from Teddy Gardner via a twelve-round kayo in England in his eleventh fight.

Tommy Collins is another highly considered star who has flashed across the featherweight scene. His victories this year over Fabela Chavez, Willie Pep, Ronnie Clayton, Lauro Salas and Glen Flanagan put him in the spotlight.

Among the top notch fighters who qualified for consideration, was Joergen Johansen, of Denmark, who captured the European lightweight title from Elis Ask of Finland. Included in the list also were Johnny Gonsalves of Los Angeles, California's lightweight threat and George Araujo, Providence lightweight, who inched further along the path toward top honors.

All prospects along the fistic beat were given the careful eye prior to the selection of the top man. In the U. S., Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J., fighting pro since 1949, dealt a hard hand to Tony Pellone when Tony attempted a comeback this year. Vince knocked out Tony in less than one round and then went on to defeat a tough Sammy Guiliani to show that he was to be counted in on any welterweight plans. A hand injury has kept him inactive since June and so he has not gone as far this year as he might have.

WILLIE TROY, Washington, D. C., middleweight, a murderous counter puncher, came quickly to mind, his streak of seven straight wins this year, of which six were knockouts, beckoned. Frank Johnson, a Manchester, English lightweight, a body puncher de luxe, who won the English lightweight crown from Tommy McGovern was another well thought of.

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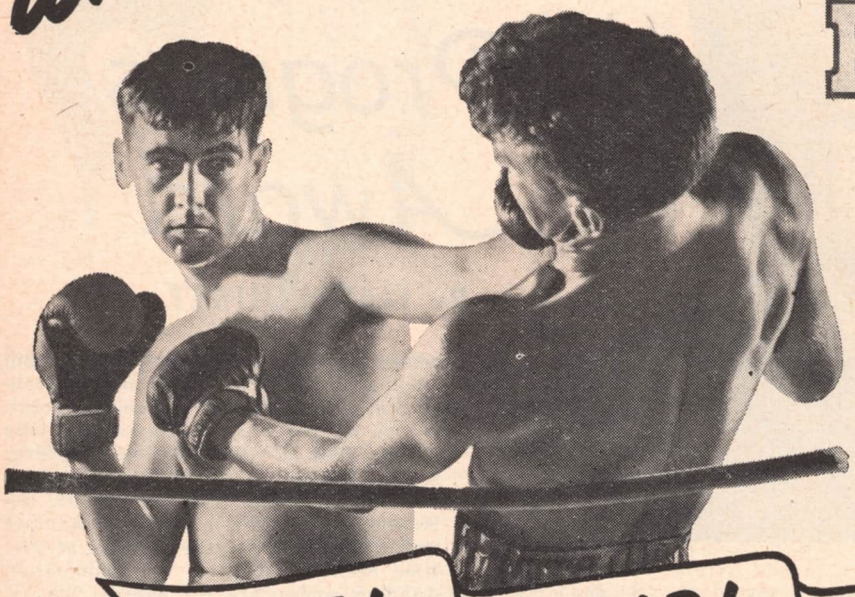

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What of 1953? the Future?

By AL BUCK

WHAT has happened in boxing during the year 1952 is a matter of record. It is best expressed in *The Ring's* annual ratings. Appearing in this issue, these ratings of boxers are based on hard facts, on knockouts scored, and decisions won. They belong to history.

But what of the future? What can we expect in the current year? What matches will attract the fans? To answer one must speculate. Any conclusion is just a guess. Even Jim Norris, head of the far-flung International Boxing Club, cannot be sure of exactly what will happen in boxing during the year 1953.

Starting off there is the new world heavyweight champion. Rocky Marciano, the two-fisted block buster, has revived interest in the sport all over the globe. He has what people expect in a champion—speed, strength and punching power. Rocky will defend the title twice, and perhaps three times, in the next 12 months.

Marciano's first title defense has to be against Jersey Joe Walcott, the ex-champion, in Chicago in March. That was assured by a return bout contract signed prior to the fight in Philadelphia last September. Also it's the big fight, the one that will draw the most money. In short, Marciano and Walcott again is what the public wants to see.

When asked what will happen after Marciano fights Walcott, Al Weill, the champ's manager, answers honestly "I don't know."

LET us assume that Marciano defeats Walcott again, although that is by no means certain, then who comes next? Rex Layne? Ezzard Charles? At the moment they are the most formidable of the challengers.

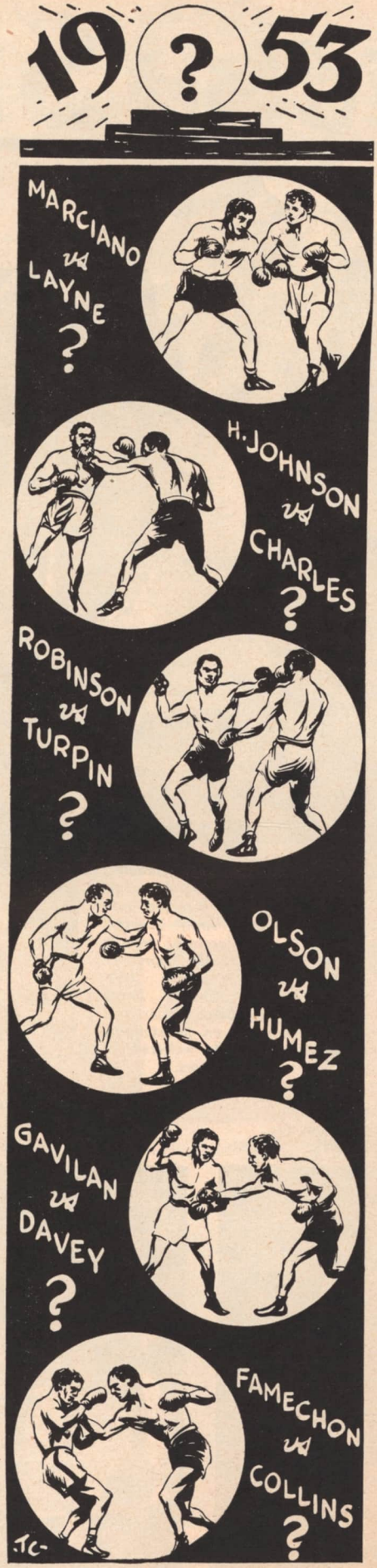
Layne won a disputed decision from Charles in Ogden, Utah, last summer. The year before Charles, an ex-heavyweight champion, knocked out Layne in Pittsburgh. A third in the series would establish the winner as the challenger next in line.

There are several good heavyweight bouts for Billy Brown, I.B.C. matchmaker, to consider. How about any of the following?

Layne vs. Roland LaStarza, New York; Charles vs. LaStarza; LaStarza vs. Clarence Henry, Los Angeles; Henry vs. Layne; Charles vs. Henry; Harry (Kid) Matthews, Seattle, vs. Charles; LaStarza vs. Matthews.

Brown has the makings of a heavyweight tournament in the above that would last into the summer. Others who could be included in the series are Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia; Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio; Cesar Brion, Argentina; Coley Wallace, New York, and Johnny Williams, England.

THE goal of all heavyweights is a fight with Marciano. Once he has fulfilled his obligation to Walcott, Rocky will be free to accept the challenge of the leading contender. In the meantime the contenders can furnish the fans with red-hot action by fighting for the right to fight the champ.



That is the way it used to be done. That is the way it should be done. And Billy Brown doesn't have to stop with the heavyweights. He can get action in every division.

In England there is Randy Turpin, ex-middleweight champion, and a contender for both that title and the light-heavyweight championship. Jack Solomons, British promoter, would figure in Turpin's plans, no matter whether he fights in New York or London.

Sugar Ray Robinson vs. Turpin; Turpin vs. Archie Moore; Joey Maxim vs. Turpin; Turpin vs. Matthews.

In the light-heavyweight division there are other possibilities for a wide-awake matchmaker. Such as Harold Johnson, clever Philadelphian, vs. Jake LaMotta, the Bronx Bull, or another Maxim-Moore fight. Also Matthews vs. Moore, or Maxim vs. Matthews.

Rounding out the light-heavyweight field are Danny Nardico, who is willing, and Bob Satterfield, who can punch.

A MIDDLEWEIGHT fight New Yorkers would like to see would be Ernie Durando, the rock of Bayonne, N. J., and Bobo Olson, Hawaii. The winner would be in line to fight Robinson for the world middleweight title, if Sugar Ray ever stops dancing.

The American public would like to have Humez, the French and European champion, come over. They know of him as the best in Europe, and were surprised when he failed to knock out Eugene (Silent) Hairston in Paris.

The middleweight class is packed with talent. There is the consistent Rocky Castellani, Lee Sala, who though stopped by Olson is an excellent fighter; Norman Hayes, Walter Cartier, Joe Giambra, Joey Giardello, and Hairston. Anyway Brown matches them he is sure to get a good fight.

NORRIS has two title fights he would like to make. One would give LaMotta a crack at the light-heavyweight title. The other would be a battle of champions—Robinson vs. Kid Gavilan, the welterweight king. Sugar's middleweight crown would be at stake.

Oddly enough both Gavilan and Robinson want the fight. The hitch is the middleweight champion's theatrical contracts.

In his own division Gavilan has enough opposition to keep him busy from now until next summer. He has a title fight with Chuck Davey, Michigan State College southpaw, coming up in Chicago. After that one, if he wins, the Kid can risk his crown in bouts with Bobby Dykes, the tall Texan, and Johnny Bratton, the Chicago contender.

The Gavilan-Dykes fight in Miami last winter was close enough to call

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The Candid Story

(Left) Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, was inducted into the U. S. Army. (Center) Rocky Marciano proudly poses with the impressive RING Magazine belt. (Right) Chuck Davey kayoes Chico Vejar and becomes an outstanding contender for welterweight honors.

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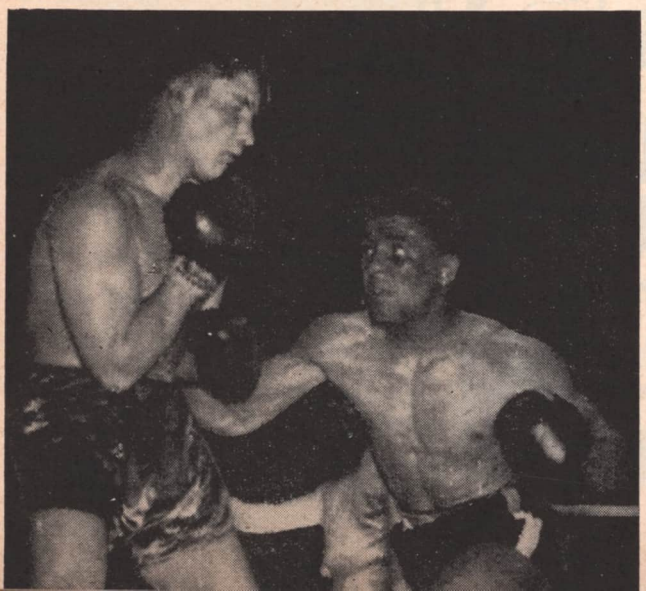
Randy Turpin, former world middleweight champion, adds the British and Empire light-heavyweight titles to his collection by stopping Don Cockell (left).



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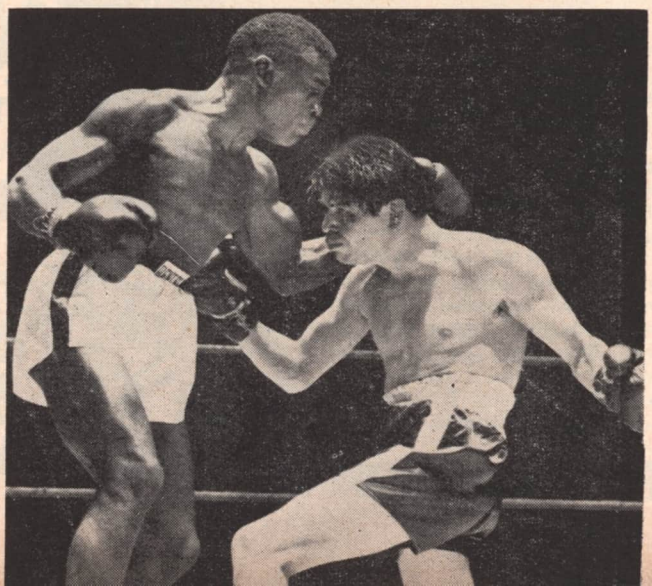
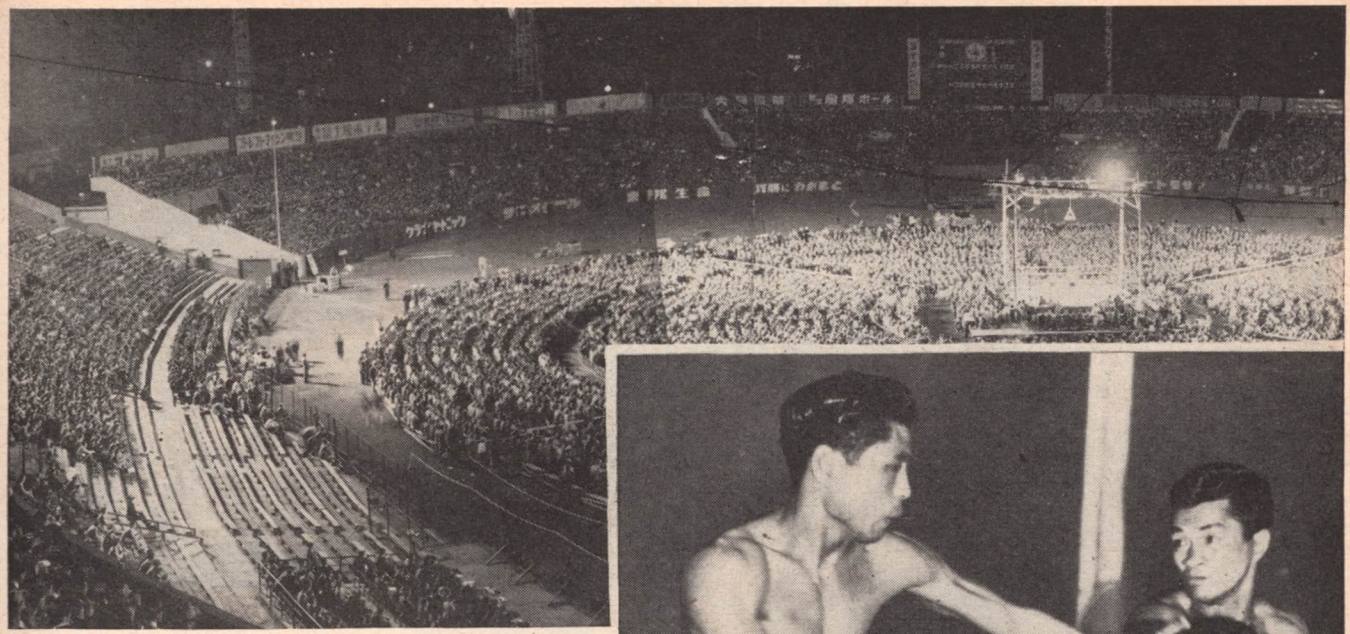
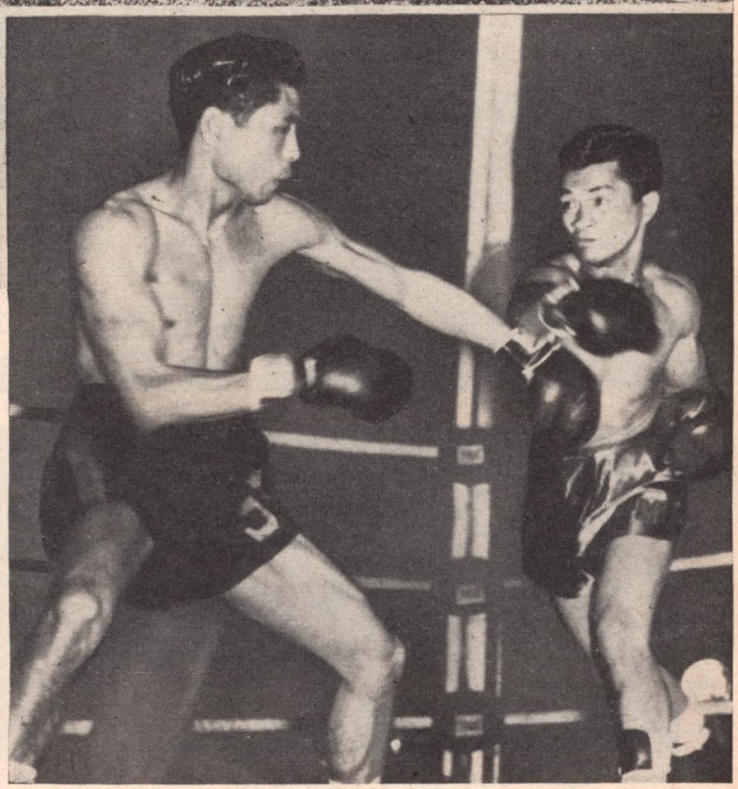
Jimmy Carter (left) met Lauro Salas for the third time in 1952 and regained his world lightweight title from the little Mexican at Chicago.



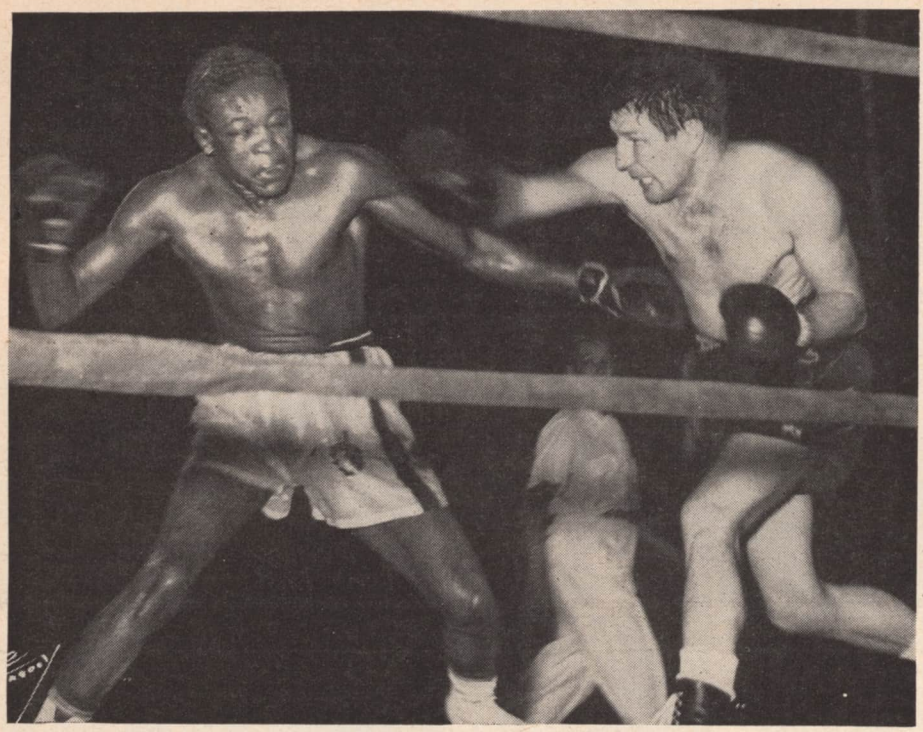




(Above) A panoramic shot of Korakuen Stadium, in Tokyo, Japan, the night Yoshio Shirai became the first Japanese world champion by defeating Dado Marino. (Right) Repeat performance as Shirai (left) again outpoints Marino in Tokyo.

The Heat's On! Ruby Goldstein, referee in the Maxim-Robinson light-heavyweight title bout, had to retire after the tenth round when he became ill from the intense heat. Boxing Inspector Sol Levy escorts him from the ring.

Blood from Stones and Tears from The Rock. Graziano weeps in his corner after being stopped by Ray Robinson in his bid to regain the middleweight crown.

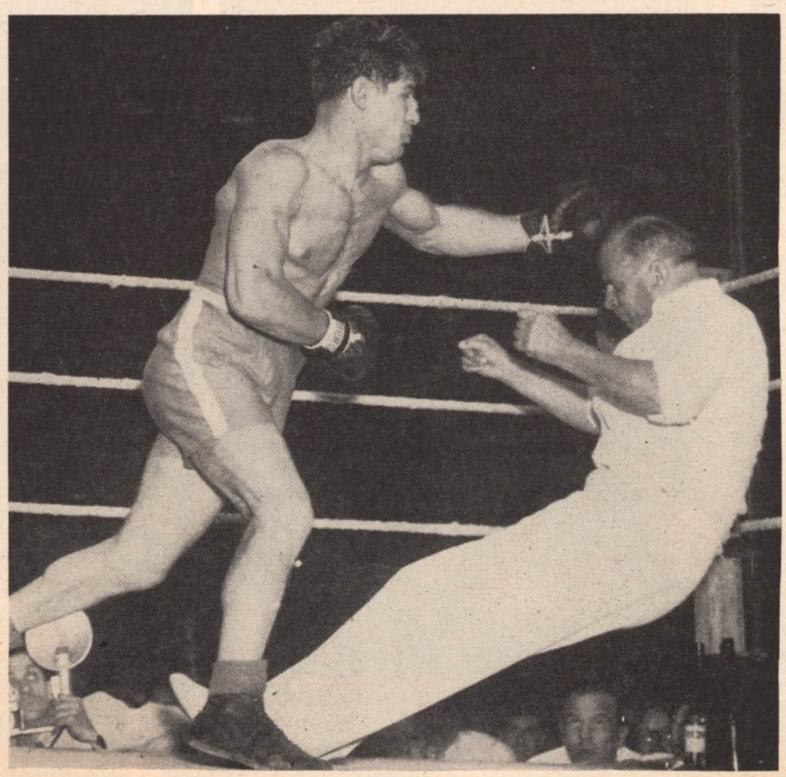


(Left) Gid Gavilan brings his bolo punch into action as he outpoints Billy Graham in their title bout at Havana, Cuba.

(Above) Ray Robinson's sister, Marie, and his wife, Edna Mae, are on the verge of tears as the terrific heat takes its toll and he goes to the canvas in his fight with Joey Maxim.

(Above) Ogden, Utah, with a population of 60,000 had more than 20,000 persons pay over $131,000 to see Rex Layne beat Ezzard Charles.

(Above) Mrs. Tommy Collins shrieks with excitement as her husband scores a one-round kayo over Joey Cam in Boston. She had applied for a license to second Tommy, received same, but later the Commission had a change of heart.



Peter Muller is supposed to be fighting Hans Stretz. After a warning from the referee he takes it out on the arbiter at Cologne, Germany, in June. Banned for "life" his license has been restored.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Courts Interference Riles Commissions

Overthrows Boxing's Protective Measures

Fatalities and Injuries Invited by Edict

BOXING has taken it on the chin time and again through injuries and deaths that have brought heaps of adverse criticism on the rulers of the sport in the various states and countries. New foam mats, added ring padding, extra weight in the gloves, special pre-fight and post-fight medical examinations—they have all been enlisted by the commissions as an added preventative to ring injuries, yet every now and then we read of a fatality that brings about the condemnation of the sport.

When one considers the extent to which boxing commissions have gone to keep physically weak fighters from plying their trade, it seems a pity that the law intervenes to halt such activity. I refer to the case of Ruben Shank, at one time a highly rated boxer. Since 1947, Ruben has been banned from boxing for his own good. He was physically unfit when his license was revoked both in his own state and by the National Boxing Association due to a severe head injury.

Since his recovery, Shank has been fighting the Colorado Commission's ruling preventing him from resuming his ring career and when he found that he couldn't hurdle that obstacle, he took his case to court. There he won what seemed a hopeless case when Judge Henry B. Lindsley overruled the Colorado Commission and ordered Shank reinstated.

WHY have a commission legally appointed to rule over boxing when a judge can overrule its action? Why have medical examiners working under such commission make certain that only the physically fit may be granted permission to box, when these capable officials can have their reports thrust aside by a court, thus endangering the life of the individual thus favored and giving to boxing another black eye?

The ruling of Judge Lindsley was a serious blunder. Though his decision was rendered on medical evidence contained in two hospital reports. It would have been better had he permitted the legally appointed State Athletic Commission to act on the advice of its own medical staff. The doctors are well trained for the work they perform.

Like George Barton, president of the N.B.A. who originally revoked the license of Ruben, I'm shocked by the court's action overruling a commission appointed by the Governor of Colorado to supervise boxing for the best interests of the participants, the public and the state. That commission banned Shank with that thought in mind.

The doctors whose reports were accepted by the court and Judge Lindsley are now responsible for the future health of Ruben Shank. If he should be injured, they will have to assume full blame for having discarded the recommendation of the Colorado Boxing Commission to keep Shank from ring competition.

Ruben Shank, whose reinstatement by a Colorado court has aroused ire of boxing commissions.

Perhaps the Colorado jurist was not aware of the fact that Shank was close to death for more than twelve hours following his knockout at the hands of Mel Brown in Minneapolis on November 21, 1947. It was on the advice of Dr. J. P. Korchik, examining physician for the Minnesota Commission, that Shank's license was revoked. He declared that his condition made it hazardous for Ruben to continue in the fight game. All the N.B.A. states concurred in the action of the Minnesota Board.

As George Barton aptly remarked when Judge Lindsley's order was reported to him: "It is cases like this that provide plenty of ammunition for the attacks on professional boxing because of its brutality and for the laxity of the various governing bodies and their physicians in medical examinations to properly guard the health of the contestants. What more can we as commissioners do than ban a boxer who is physically unfit according to our code to continue in this aggressive sport? We are accused of permitting fighters to continue to fight after they have been subjected to severe punishment, yet when we revoke the license to protect the fighter, a court overrules us."

Ruben Shank began his pro career late in 1940 and by 1942 was fighting seasoned veterans like Ray Robinson, Fritzie Zivic, and Henry Armstrong. In 1943 and 1944 he served with the U. S. Coast Guard.

The National Boxing Association, following the action of its president, placed a ban on the services of Shank in all its territory and since Colorado is a member, not even Judge Lindsley's order, can force the commission to oppose the N.B.A.

WILLIE PEP, former world's featherweight champion, at an age when most fighters are almost ready to hang up their gloves, has displayed speed, punching power and stamina that has been far superior to that of the majority of those who are many years his junior and are aiming to ascend to the top as he did. His recent performances have been superb. Chances are that if he got an opportunity to face his conqueror, Tommy Collins, in a match within the class weight limit instead of over the weight, he would avenge that defeat and stand out as the legitimate challenger for another shot at the world title. And if he were to meet Sandy Saddler, now in the Army, he would regain the crown he lost to the latter. That's how good Willie is right now.

At the age of thirty, he naturally has lost some of the spring he displayed in his earlier days, but he remains one of the ring marvels of the age and takes his place alongside Ray Robinson as one of the outstanding boxers of the past decade. With 178 fights behind him, he has piled up a record that will give him a place in the Fistic Hall of Fame.

He's not the Willie Pep of old, but as fighters go today, this ring marvel is a revelation. Those who have seen Pep at his best and have watched the present crop of feathers engage in a

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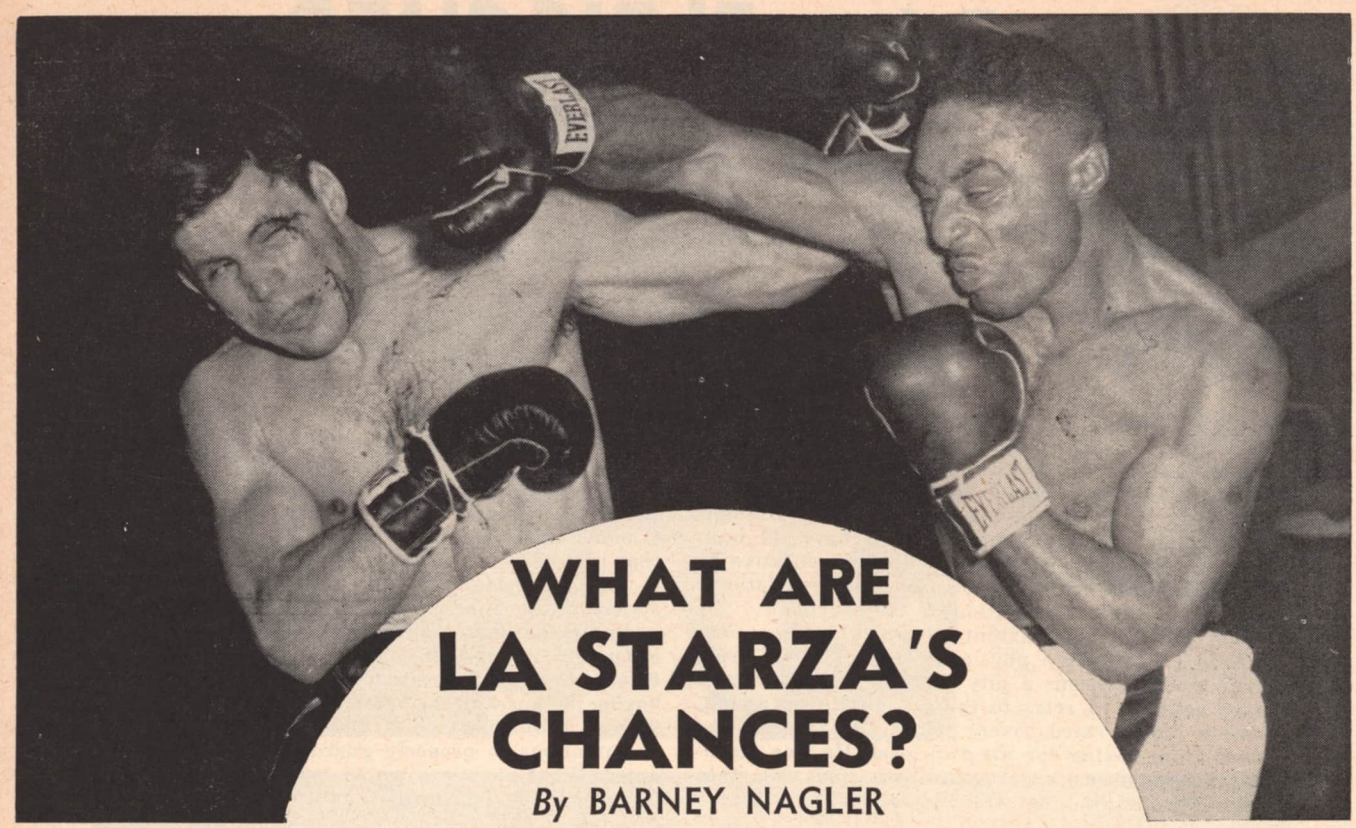

WHAT ARE LA STARZA'S CHANCES?

By BARNEY NAGLER

Roland LaStarza, New York heavyweight contender, continued his cautious climb toward a chance at the title by evening the score with Rocky Jones via a unanimous decision in their return bout at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Jones had won the decision in their previous meeting.

IN boxing gloves, Rocky Marciano is dressed to kill. Garbed the same manual way, Roland LaStarza is dressed for a night's work. That's the difference between the world heavyweight champion and one of his most deserving challengers, as gleaned from a talk with LaStarza the morning after his recent bout with Rocky Jones.

In the ordinary scheme of slug things, a meeting of LaStarza and Jones, who is out of Philadelphia, by way of Chester, Pa., would mean something less than excitement. Jones' ranking among heavyweights is casual and in terms of box-office pull he is small potatoes.

Some weeks before their second meeting at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena, a studio for Dumont TV boxing, Jones had scrambled the rankings somewhat by upsetting LaStarza in a ten rounder.

Without the prying lense of TV to controvert the charge, LaStarza alleged that he had been robbed. It was within the context of reasonable doubt. Jones just didn't measure up to a victory over LaStarza.

When the match was refought at Eastern Parkway, LaStarza had to come off the floor to achieve a one-way victory in ten rounds. A full galaxy of journalistic stars were on hand to report the story of the struggle only because LaStarza is still regarded as a potential foeman for Marciano.

ALONE among the 40-odd opponents in Marciano's ring life, LaStarza made the going tough for the brawling puncher from Brockton, Mass. Their ten rounder in Madison Square Garden, March 24, 1950, was as close as the air in a mine shaft. Marciano received the split decision on the vote of referee Jack Watson, who called the fight even in rounds, but gave it to Marciano, nine points to six, per the New York scoring system.

Thereafter, LaStarza and his agent, Jimmy DeAngelo, a gray-thatched veteran of the trade, have been pressing for a return bout. Marciano and/or his manager, Al Weill, have fended off such a rude development.

So when LaStarza was upset by Jones in Akron, Ohio, there was a feeling abroad that he had lost his claim to a shot at Marciano's championship. He set it aright by taking care of Jones in the return, although there were many in the arena who felt LaStarza's role of caution had tarnished more of his fading lustre.

On this score, he was exposed to an inquisition the day after the thwacking of Jones. LaStarza faced up to the examination with seeming fortitude.

"I was completely satisfied with my showing," he said. "You must remember that I was cut over the left eye—took four or five stitches to close it. I had to be careful. If I were stopped because of a cut eye, I'd be criticized. I fight to save myself and I win, and I'm still criticized. Which way does one go?"

NOBODY could answer. LaStarza has had to live down an apparent zeal for caution ever since he came on the fight scene. Some ascribe this to his exposition to higher education, LaStarza having been confronted with lore during one year of matriculation at the College of the City of New York. Once again, he was asked about his cautious manner.

"If I didn't say I'm cautious," the heavyweight from The Bronx, in New York City, explained, "I'd be lying. I'd also be a fool to say I'm not cautious. I believe that cautiousness—call it being careful—is a part of everybody's makeup."

In the return with Jones, LaStarza dropped his opponent in the third round with a right fetched to the jaw. When Jones came up, apparently on wobbly legs, LaStarza didn't tear in for the kill. Instead, he boxed carefully, even cautiously. He lacked the bluster no earnest heavyweight challenger can do without.

LaStarza wasn't discouraged by this showing. He still believes he defeated Marciano the first time and that he can do it again if he ever gets the champion into the ring. What kind of a fight would it be?

"It would be exciting, that's for sure," LaStarza pledged. "I would outfight him in close. He'd rush in and I'd counter. I think I would win again."

Inevitably, the examination returned to the matter of LaStarza's apparent timidity.

"A fighter in there is on his own," he rationalized. "Boxing is the toughest sport of all. You don't have team-

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The BALD EAGLE PASSES

By FRANCIS ALBERTANTI

"NATE LEWIS, seventy-two years old, died here today after being bedridden for five years with paralysis."

That report, coming from Chicago on November 18, informed the world that one of boxing's most romantic figures had finally been relieved of his suffering. One of the most active fight managers, for upwards of half a century, his last years must have been agonizing. Unable to move or talk, he awaited the inevitable end with a grim smile. He had seen life at its best. He had travelled to every nook and corner of America, had managed some of the world's leading fighters and had been a matchmaker and a promoter. His advice in matters of fisticuffs was sought by many. His tales of the romantic past gave the sports scribes many interesting columns.

The signing of the Ross-Canzoneri fight for the Chicago Stadium. Top row, left to right—Sam Goldman, manager of Canzoneri; Nate Lewis, Art Winch and Sam Pian, managers of Ross; sitting—Canzoneri, Charlie Budwell, legal advisor, and Ross.

Soft-spoken, highly cultured, a speaker with perfect command of the King's English, Nate often found himself the central figure in a gathering of boxing enthusiasts. The late Damon Runyon dubbed him "Boxing's Bald Eagle" and so he was known for three decades.

One of his choicest slogans was: "Please do not disturb". That did not refer to his business enterprises since he was one of the most energetic matchmakers in the country. It was linked solely to his private life. Night life was his life. He stayed up at night and slept during the day. That's the way he enjoyed living and that's the way he did live from the time he associated himself with the boxing profession until illness forced him out of it.

Contrary to the obituaries, Nate was born in this country of immigrants from the Ukraine on St. Valentine's Day, 1881, at Elkhart, Ind. His folks moved to Chicago in the vicinity of the Chicago Stadium when Nate was a year old and Nate moved into the Loop when he was thirty and lived there until he was removed to a sanatorium five years ago.

THE Bald Eagle of Boul 'Mich' was one of the quaint characters of pugilism. Short, thin of face, impeccable in his attire, he looked the direct opposite of what motion picture fight managers and promoters are pictured. It was only a few years after the turn of the century that Lewis started his career. It was a legal business in Illinois at the time but it fell into ill-repute when the gamblers took it over and following the fake fight between Joe Gans and Terry McGovern, the game was outlawed making it necessary for Nate and his fighters to operate outside of the state in which he made his home.

When New York adopted the club membership plan, Lewis copied that and despite repeated police intervention, he carried on though he engaged in many brushes with the minions of the law. But he outlasted the police and when boxing became legal again in Illinois, he was right on deck, managing fighters and promoting with Jim Mullen, Chicago politician and sportsman, as his partner. With an excellent stable of fighters, mostly lightweights, he staged many thrillers for the Windy City fans and soon put Chicago back on the map as one of the world centers of boxing.

In his managerial role he handled such famous boxers as Packey McFarland, Abe Attell, Pal Moore, Charley White, Carl Morris, Kid Herman, Jock Malone, George (K.O.) Brown, the Greek; Joe Burman, Leo Rodak, Sailor Freedman, Gene Delmont among others; pugilists who were tops in their division. Before entering the boxing business, Nate held only three jobs; all with the biggest concerns in their field. He started with the Brunswick-Balke Collender Company, the largest manufacturers of billard tables in the world. Next he went with the Bishop and Babcock Manufacturing Company, at the time the biggest manufacturers of bottling machinery; and then he joined the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and after leaving that firm he devoted the rest of his life to boxing.

He was the first matchmaker of the Chicago Stadium, then the world's largest indoor arena, and at the Stadium he established several world records in attendances and receipts. His opening venture in the Stadium, a fight in which Mickey Walker and Tommy Loughran were the participants, drew $184,000 and when he staged the Jack Dempsey vs. King Levinsky fight, he drew a capacity house of 23,000 for a gross gate of $72,400.

Lewis broke into the fistic field in 1906 when he made his first bid with a great fighter. Though he handled many of the world's best, he never was able to become the manager of a champion. The fight he most liked to discuss was that between Kid Herman and Joe Gans. At the time Joe was a much feared battler. Few fighters cared for any part of the Old Master from Baltimore, but Nate was so confident that Herman could whip Joe, that he accepted the match. They agreed to fight forty-five rounds but it took Gans only eight to dispose of Nate's meal ticket. That fight at Tonopah, Nev., took its place among the historic ring battles of the century. For the story of that battle, I'll have Lewis tell it as he told it to 'The Ring' Editor in an interview many years ago: Here it is:

"THE scene was Tonopah, Nev., and the year was 1906. I was handling Kid Herman and in company with Jack Curley, we travelled to this desolate place for a New Year's fight with Gans. It was bitterly cold and the place where the fight was to take place wasn't any too warm either. Promoter Riley had put up a barn-like arena and he was most anxious to show the miners what he could do to put the place on the map.

"He and the rest of the Tonopah prospectors were jealous of Goldfield because of the publicity that town had received through Tex Rickard's promotion of the Gans-Nelson bout and Riley was out to match Tex. Only four months before, Rickard had staged the Goldfield battle which Gans won on a foul and now the Baltimore Negro, popular with the fight fans, was here to face my man.

"The weather was not the only handicap we were to face.

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STANDOUT FIGHTS

By TED CARROLL

THE year 1952 will be recalled as the one in which the boxing spotlight shifted to a hitherto neglected area of the world as the Far East moved into the international picture. Australia and far-off Japan are hailing their first world champions and a Zulu is a British Empire champion.

Any bout in which the heavyweight title changes hands is automatically moved to the top of the list in any particular year, and for this reason Rocky Marciano's title gaining victory over Jersey Joe Walcott must be conceded the No. 1 spot.

Never before has a native of Japan or an Australian occupied a pugilistic throne. Hence the bouts which crowned Aussie Jimmy Carruthers king of the bantams and Yoshio Shirai the world's champion flyweight are of paramount importance, particularly in their native lands.

Behind the Walcott-Marciano brawl, the Toweel-Carruthers upset was the outstanding fight of 1952. Even in the States, where bantamweights practically are extinct, this contest attracted more than passing notice. There has been some talk of importing the little Aussie to the U. S. for an American once-over. This is considerable compliment since American fans have ignored the little fellows completely for more than two decades.

The Carruthers victory was a standout in many aspects. First off, it was a tremendous upset since Toweel had proven himself one of the best little men in many years. A one-round kayo packed with concentrated fury, it was called the most spectacular fight yet seen in South Africa.

The fight brought together two undefeated boxers, a rarity in a championship match. Toweel never had been beaten in 27 fights. Carruthers is undefeated in his career of 15 bouts.

Carruthers became not only the first Australian to win a world's title, but the only southpaw world's champion in action today.

No one can convince the sports-conscious Australians, who have hungered for a world's title since the '90s, that the Carruthers contest was not the standout of 1952.

THE same day Carruthers scored his victory, Yoshio Shirai was tightening his grip on the flyweight crown by battering the 36-year-old former champion, Dado Marino, into retirement.

Shirai who is Japan's greatest sports hero since Firuashi, "the human fish," world's champion swimmer, had little trouble demonstrating his class.

Shirai, who has an American manager and is a great favorite with U. S. servicemen and civilians in Japan, is anxious to visit the States but is stymied by the lack of a stateside opponent. Shirai and Carruthers would be well received in America, but there are other parts of the world where such a contest would be even more welcome.

The rise of Shirai and Carruthers is a ring benefit since it extends the appeal of boxing, already the most international of sports, into the far corners of the earth, creating thousands of new devotees and patrons.

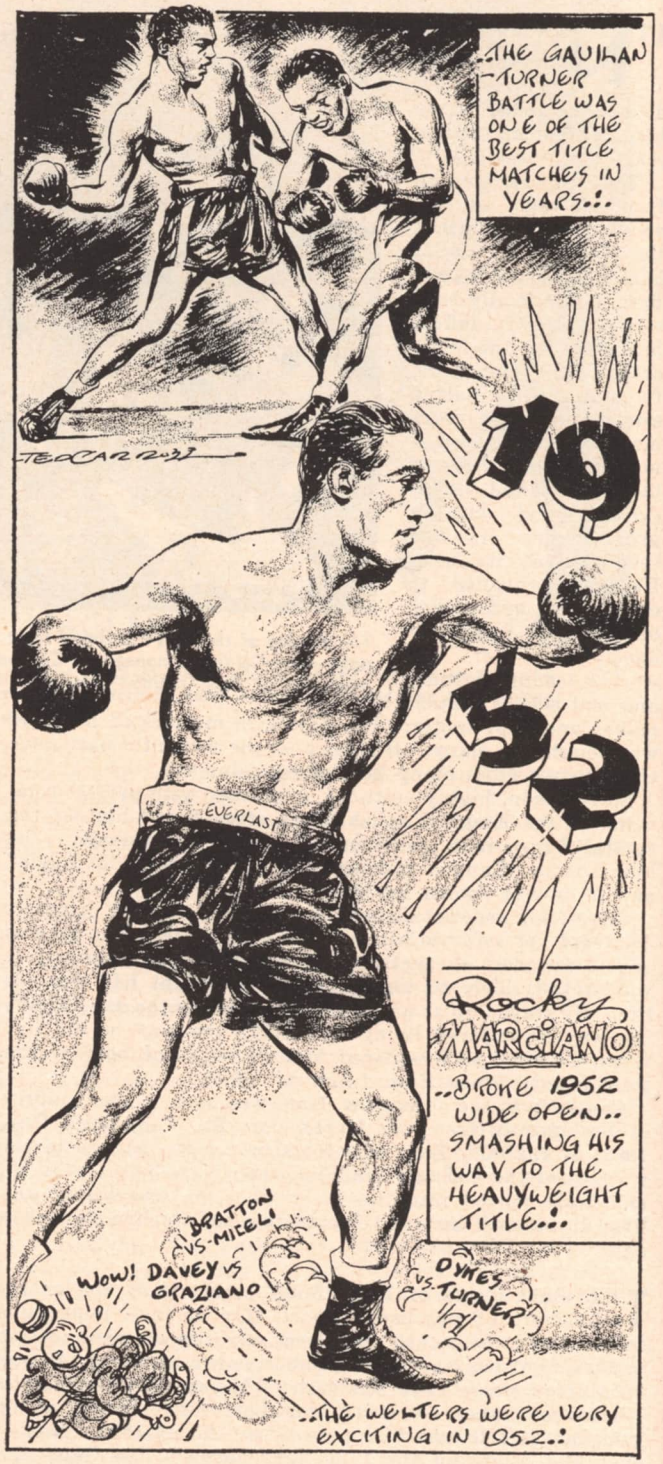
Philadelphia, which supplanted New York as the boxing capital of the U. S. during the past year, was also host to the No. 2 match in the country when Kid Gavilan tangled with undefeated—at the time—Gil Turner for the welterweight title in Philly's Municipal Stadium on July 7.

There have been few better 147-pound title scraps than this one, certainly none in recent years. Turner gave it a terrific try, the pace from start to finish was cyclonic, and Gavilan had to turn in the best performance of his busy career to halt the Philadelphia boy in the eleventh round.

THROUGHOUT the country the welters showed a clear edge in both quality and quantity of bouts. Johnny Bratton and Joe Miceli staged one of the best brawls of the year in Madison Sq. Garden on October 31. Bratton finally snapped out of his indifference, giving a rare display of the talents boxing people call the finest in the division, by stopping the dangerous New Yorker in the eighth round. Bobby Dykes and Gil Turner, just six weeks previous, had come up with another thriller with the lanky Texan edging the flailing Philadelphian.

Miceli and Turner rate much of the credit since they supplied the pressure which forced both Dykes and Bratton, lazy fellows normally, to turn on the heat which made the fights real scorchers.

Chuck Davies, in line for a title shot at Gavilan, was



the big noise out Chicago way with a surprisingly easy win over Rocky Graziano, which packed the Stadium and drew $83,630 despite television. This bout created more interest than any other held in the Windy City this year.

While no startler from an action angle, the Coast won't soon forget the second Lauro Salas-Jimmy Carter bout on May 14, in Los Angeles, in which the lightly regarded featherweight became Mexico's first universally recognized world's champion. This was a real upset as few gave the oftbeaten Salas any chance of turning the tables on Carter who had beaten him six weeks before.

The Mexican's reign was one of the shortest lived of any titleholder, as Carter won his title back quite handily in Chicago on October 15, five months after losing it. Carter was at his sharpest that night, his fine form, plus the bout's importance, giving it top honors in lightweight doings during the year.

NEW YORK CITY experienced one of its hottest summers in history last year and the carryings-on of the thermometer rather than the principals themselves, make the Ray Robinson-Joey Maxim light-heavyweight title scrap one which will be long remembered.

The night of June 25 was a real broiler, a typical Gotham sizzler, in which the steel and concrete of the metropolis seemed to contain the burning rays of the sun during the day, to release them in the form of a stifling blanket of humid air laid upon the city throughout the night.

The fight itself, singularly lacking in violence, especially on the part of Maxim, provided the sweltering crowd with the unusual spectacle of referee Ruby Goldstein succumbing to the high temperatures and being relieved by an alternate, Ray Miller, midway in the contest. This event, unusual in itself, was but a prelude to the climax, the collapse of Sugar Ray in the thirteenth round and his subsequent inability to answer the bell in the fourteenth. Maxim had retained his crown while doing less damage to an opponent than any champion within memory.

Few gave him more than two rounds and not one of the few punches he landed packed any authority. Still, the 120-degree heat under the ring lights which melted Sugar affected Maxim not at all, he was standing on his feet at the end and was thereby the winner.

The torrid temperature of June 25, which thwarted Sugar Ray's ambitions to become a triple titleholder, could have melted away Robinson's waning desire for further ring warfare. He has shown little inclination to continue boxing and is a much ballyhooed attraction in a song and dance role in a New York night club.

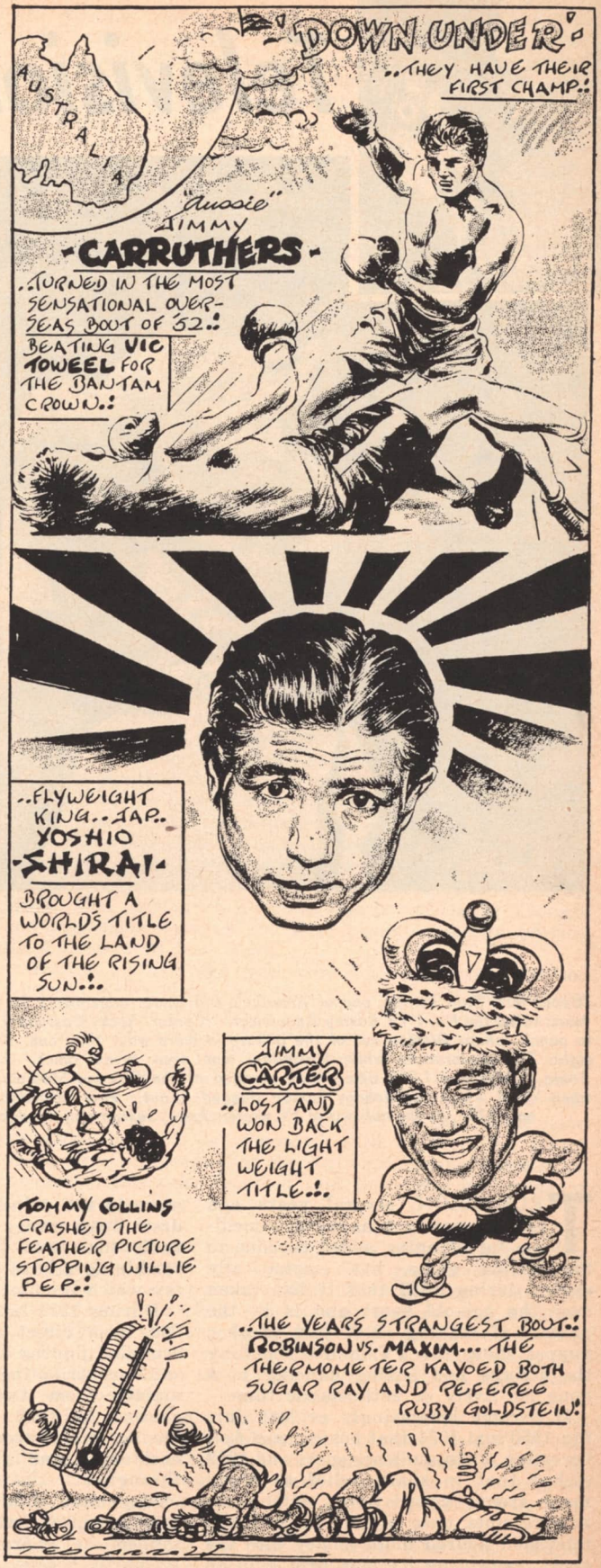
MARCIANO dominated the heavyweight class rather thoroughly during the year. The Charles-Walcott title fight, also a Philadelphia offering on June 5, while arousing some controversial ripples over the decision favoring the venerable defending champion, was staged with a minimum of excitement and ferocity on the part of the principals.

The Marciano-Matthews meeting which took place in Yankee Stadium on July 28 showed the Far Westerner, Harry Matthews, to be more a product of ballyhooing Jack Hurley's mastery of the build-up than anything else. It was a good fight while it lasted, with Matthews putting on a flash in the first round, but the first real punches landed by the Brockton Blockbuster ended matters in the second. The fight was of consequence since it erased the sour aftermath of Marciano's messy affair with Lee Savold, and paved the way for his smashing opportunity against Walcott.

Although dropped into a small club, New York's St. Nicholas Arena, no fight held anywhere was as surprising as the Jimmy Bivins-Coley Wallace scrap on September 19.

Bivins, whose eminence among the big fellows at one time was such he was named as "duration champion" during World War II, has been no more than a timeworn trial horse for several years. Coley Wallace came into the bout looked upon as one of the likeliest young heavies about, a definite threat with a punch who seemed at last about to realize on his potentialities.

Imagine the amazement then, when Bivins, shorter and 20 pounds lighter, and giving his well-built rival no real opposition up to then, walked out at the start of the ninth round, landed a single right-hand blow and laid Coley out like a carpet.



THE Layne-Charles match out in Ogden, Utah, was unique for a variety of reasons. The decision which went to Layne, although disputed, put the Utah strong boy back in contention among the heavyweights. The surprising turnout and gate receipts of $103,000 opened the eyes of

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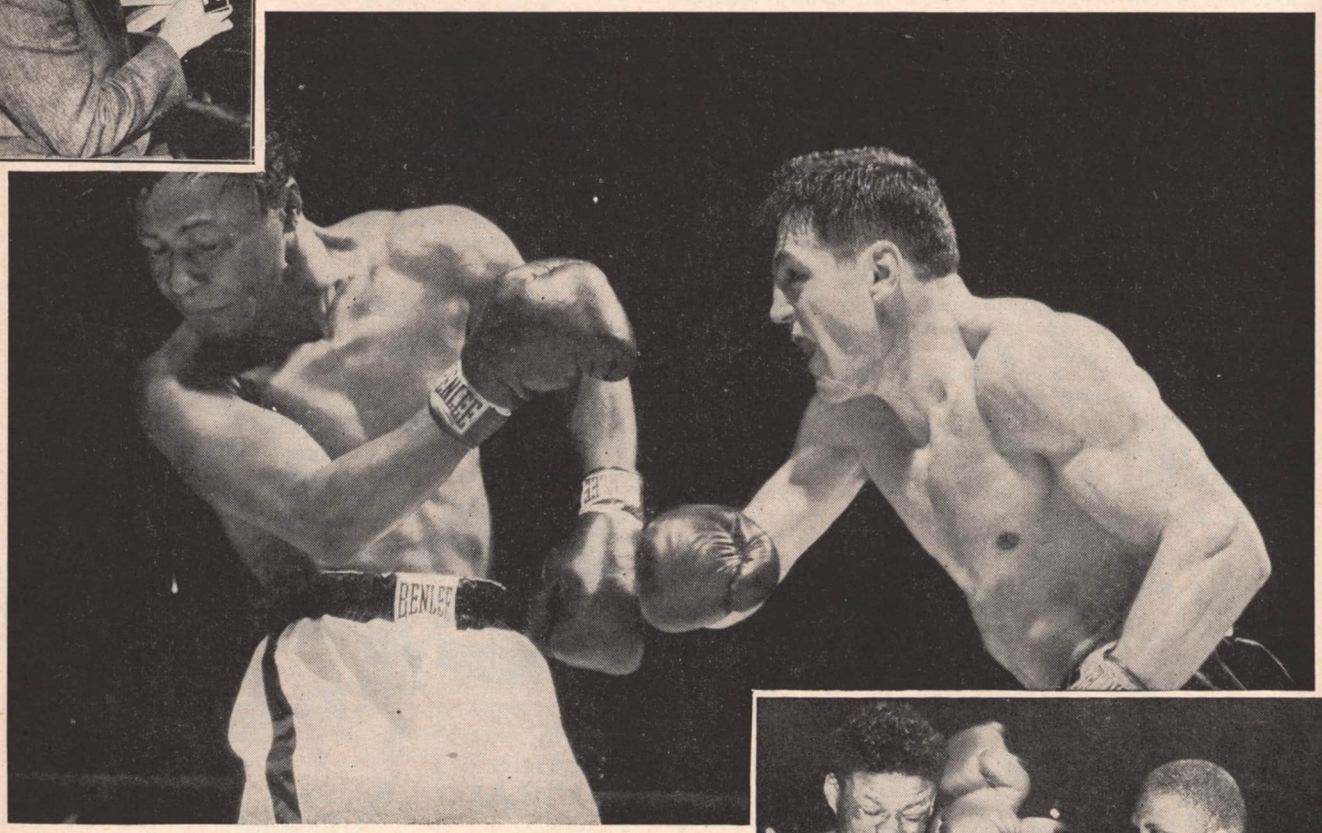
Television Roundup

by Johnny Salak



(Upper left) Stan Lomax, one of America's top sports announcers for the last 18 years, voted the No. 1 TV Boxing Announcer. (Center) Rocky Castellani (right) tries to punch Johnny Bratton out of the picture in more ways than one. Bratton made eight TV appearances while Castellani was seen seven times. (Lower right) Annie Oakley and 1,023 sisters were counted at the Chicago Stadium on July 30 when Virgil Akins and Johnny Saxton slugged it out. Paid attendance came to only 948. As the millions of TV viewers know, Saxton won the decision.

TELEVISION, several years ago looked upon as a happy new medium for bringing added revenue to the boxing game, has emphatically shown during 1952 that it has taken over the age-old sport and is in the process of making of it just another puppet show, the TV industry pulling the strings and boxing dancing to a none too lively or enthusiastic tune.

It became increasingly evident during 1950 and 1951 that boxing was fast becoming a non-audience sport and 1952 etched that in sharp relief as many more arenas closed down, attendance and receipts once again declined and television poured more money into the sport, cementing its now firm grip on the game.

By 1950 TV and radio rights to boxing events were accounting for 25 percent of the actual receipts. During 1951 that figure jumped to an alarming 40 percent and in the year just closed the prize-fighting industry (or more to the point, what is left of it) drew more money from television and radio than was taken in at the few remaining arenas throughout the country which remained open.

During 1951 boxing grossed $5,100,000 from direct attendance, and our compiled figures showed television and radio contributing another $2,000,000, mainly from two national network shows. In 1952, with three network boxing main events being presented each week and a dozen shows in all throughout the country, TV-radio money more than doubled, amounting to $4,800,000, while actual receipts dipped to approximately $4,600,000, primarily because of the sharp drop in attendance and receipts at Madison Square Garden.

The Garden, long the stronghold of boxing, fell pitifully behind to the point where the average gross receipts for the year produced a figure of $15,726 (up to December 5). They averaged $29,275 per show last year though that figure was greatly aided by the Marciano-Louis bout which was moved from an outdoor stadium and drew in excess of $150,000. The Gillette Safety Razor Co., which sponsored the telecast and radio broadcasts of the Garden fights (except the August 27 Olson-Hairston bout), paid far in excess of what was averaged at the box office and more often than not during 1952 the main event fighters appearing there received more from the television split than from their end of the actual gross. In addition to the Garden fights, Gillette sponsored the Walcott-Charles bout, paying $175,000 for TV-radio rights.

Not once during the 12 month period was the Garden able to assemble 10,000 persons—half filling the arena—for a fight, and the largest attendance was 9,486 on March 7 for the Paddy Young-Ernie Durando mill which grossed only $35,894. This also was the only time

during the year that the Garden figures surpassed receipts from TV and radio.

The year just ended saw the famous ring gross just half of what it did in 1951, when the figure was $907,512 for 31 shows. As of December 5, the Garden had taken in a sparse $396,533 for 26 performances.

At one time, for four consecutive weeks, the Garden had a paid attendance of less than 3,000, which aided in bringing the year's average to an astonishing low of less than 5,000 per boxing event.

THE same story unfolded with the compilation of the International Boxing Club's presentations at the mammoth indoor Chicago Stadium, which compares with the Garden in seating capacity.

While two shows did extremely well, the Robinson-Graziano and the Davey-Graziano bouts, the Stadium played to scant crowds at home while millions viewed the Wednesday night proceedings, with the compliments of Pabst Brewing Co., on the CBS network which stretches across the country. The first match, a middleweight championship affair, grossed $252,237.

Wisely, the telecast was "blacked-out" in the Chicago area, a move that protected the gate considerably. With The Rock, known as one of the best drawing cards in boxing, fighting against the middleweight champion, the restriction imposed on Chicago area TV set owners practically assured the bumper gate. Later in the year Chuck Davey defeated Graziano there before a house that grossed $83,630.

These were the only two times during the year that the Stadium was able to muster crowds of over 10,000 (20,008 for the Robinson fight and 11,970 for the Davey encounter) and the usual thing was for a gathering of two or three thousand paid spectators to be on the scene.

Things got so bad that on July 30, for the Johnny Saxton-Virgil Akins fight, only 948 paid admissions were carefully counted, while Annie Oakleys outnumbered them, 1,024 getting in on a slightly frayed cuff.

The overall picture for the IBC Wednesday night shows which are sponsored by Pabst and include the Chicago Stadium fights, draws a grim parallel to the Garden. For 46 bouts, $1,006,925.44 was grossed for a respectable average of $21,890, still less than what the sponsor is paying the promoters for the privilege of televising and broadcasting the fights. However, if we were to dismiss the "blacked-out" Robinson-Graziano fight, we find that they averaged $16,771 ($1,529 more than the Garden) and 4,775 (14 persons less than the Garden).

On one occasion, on September 24 at Washington, only 711 paid customers showed up for the Charley Riley-Fabela Chavez bout. Baltimore, Cleveland, New York and Detroit all had at least one evening for these televised fights which had a scant crowd numbering a few hundred above a thousand.

If this were the extent of the damage done to the boxing game—drastic loss of attendance and receipts at major arenas—it would not be important because television more than compensates these losses. But one must remember that on the two nights of a national TV network hook up—Wednesdays and Fridays—there is virtually no action in any other boxing club in America. Local cards cannot compete against a show that ostensibly is a major attraction and is given away for the price of listening to a few commercials.

Added to that is the third major network—DuMont—which early in the year began televising shows from the Eastern Parkway Arena in Brooklyn. Clubs in the cities where these fights are reached by TV would be foolish to attempt to run.

There we have the three best nights of the week for boxing, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, practically at a standstill and devoted to but a few shows.

This is what has hurt boxing most! Local promoters cannot put on shows and are driven out of business; local fighters cannot get any action and go into other vocations; finally, the big arenas feel the pinch as no new stars and attractions are developed and interest drops off in the sport.

Seeing the same faces appearing at the clubs week after week, though they sometimes do not warrant these nationally televised shots, naturally keeps customers away.

Some promoters—showing amazing short-sightedness—welcome the situation as it stands. They are "in". They are reaping profits, naturally only through TV as most fights which are telecast lose money. But what of next year and the following when fans not only will have stopped coming to the arenas for the fights, but will also make a wide detour of the channel which carries a bout? Sponsors will think twice before renewing contracts and will look for other puppets and novelties to exploit.

A typical indoor season boxing week during 1952 sees nine shows throughout the country which are televised and fourteen running without the blessings and searching-eye of TV. The schedule may vary slightly from week to week but in the main that is the sad national picture.

A FEW lone outposts, amid all this bloom, are doing considerably well, handled by adroit promoters and matchmakers who are turning television to their advantage. Boston, New Orleans, Miami Beach, running weekly to sellout crowds, stand like sentinels against the ever-spreading networks that have strangled so many boxing clubs. While the major bouts are videod into Boston, promoter Sam Silverman has withstood all television offers for his shows and in turn has brought in the TV attractions which the Boston area fans have seen on their screens, coupling them with a fine crop of New England fighters which he has helped to develop. Silverman has grossed over a half a million dollars with his promotions in Boston this year, running on Mondays when he has no TV Competition, DuMont's shows not being picked up there.

While New Orleans did not have to cope with "live" telecasts of fights (films of the bouts were shown there until July when New Orleans was added to the NBC network) promoters Heard Ragas and Allen Lacombe have done well and their patronage is increasing. Miami Beach, with Chris Dundee operating at the Auditorium, has been very successful the last two years with TV unable to penetrate Florida. However, the web has been widened and rumors are constant that the club, or another in the vicinity, will soon fall to the lure of the TV dollar.

The small clubs throughout the country which televise their shows are showing an increase in attendance, but the increase is so small and the damage done so large that there is little to cheer about from these sections such as the Motor City Arena in Detroit, Rainbo Arena in Chicago and Sunnyside Gardens and Fort Hamilton Arena (during the Summer) in New York.

Hardest hit has been New York City which saw Madison Square Garden slump to a new low and only two outdoor shows presented during the year, combining for a gross of only $637,322, neither of which was on home TV.

In 1950 there were 22 clubs operating in the New York vicinity; in 1952 the figure had fallen to only five active clubs and three that stage shows now and then. The total for the United States shows a drop of 52 percent in clubs operating in 1952 as compared with 1950. Nine states which were represented at the National Boxing Association convention this year reported that there was no boxing at all in their territory.

New York State's income from boxing has gone up in several departments but all are allied with the very thing that has dug deeply into revenue from gross receipts.

In 1950 the State received $35,203.75 in taxes from telecasts of boxing matches. 1951 saw an increase of $13,050.80, to $48,254.55 and the figure for 1952 should reach some $70,000, a sharp increase but one that does not offset the terrific losses it has taken from the fewer shows which have run and the drop in actual receipts.

In 1950 radio paid $19,883 to the state in taxes from matches which were broadcast and increased to $27,755 the following year. Though it has gained again in 1952 it will not be too great. Revenue from motion pictures of fights increased from $629.17 in 1950 to $36,911.04 in 1951 and jumped again in 1952.

Boxing alone has not suffered from television. Major league baseball is rapidly devouring its young, the minor leagues being put out of business with the giant networks of TV and radio broadcasts of the big games reaching all corners and remote areas of the country.

Football has been thrown for a 40 yard loss but hangs on grimly, making a goal line stand as they try to limit telecasts of outstanding attractions. Hockey and basketball

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PRATESI, 1952's TOP FATALITY

By LEW ESKIN

Honore Pratesi, former French flyweight champion, (left) is punched through the ropes by the zealous Zulu, Jake Tuli, during their London bout. Pratesi lost the decision and later died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

THERE were happy and sad moments in boxing during the past year which saw the rise of many youngsters to the heights and the passing into Valhalla of many famed men associated with pugilism and the deaths of fifteen boys in ring contests. Despite new medical appliances to aid boxers from injuries, the use of heavier gloves with the finest leather procurable, more medical attention before and after a fight and new regulations that make it mandatory for a badly beaten pugilist or one who has been knocked out to take an enforced rest before resuming his career, deaths in appalling numbers continue to pile up year after year.

Though, as has been pointed out by the authorities, all contact sports are dangerous and bring the participants in direct line with possible injuries and death, in no sport is a more concentrated effort made by those in control to prevent accidents than in boxing.

But we must face the facts in pugilism as we do in football in which the greatest number of deaths are annually recorded though that is only a two months sport. Injuries and deaths cannot be entirely eliminated.

ALTHOUGH greater precautions were taken during the past twelve months by the medical advisors to the various boxing commissions than ever before, seventeen deaths, five more than last year and six more than the previous year, took place.

Of these, only one professional passed away in the States following ring action when Jimmy (Bud) Taylor, a young Negro welterweight from Miami, Florida, died at Charity Hospital in New Orleans following a head injury in a bout with Charley Joseph of the Crescent City. It was the first pro death in the United States in thirteen months.

Three Americans suffered fatalities in amateur bouts. In one a 15 year old school-boy from Lacrosse, Washington, Jack Engleman, who collapsed in the second round of a bout with a fellow student and died. In another, a soldier, Cpl. Stephen B. Fierchinger of Moscow, Idaho, who died during the second round of a three-round bout at Camp Carson after receiving several body punches.

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RING DEATHS IN 1952

DEATHS in boxing bouts during 1952 were two less than the record number of 19 for the past decade but surpassed the second highest figures listed in 1946. The most prominent figure was Honore Pratesi, former French and European flyweight champion who was killed in his fight with Jake Tuli, young Zulu who holds the British Empire title. Here are the deaths:

January 7—17 year old Frank Mayr died following a brain concussion obtained in his bout with Hans Haidinger at Linz, Austria. (Amateur)

January 27—Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Algerian, 29 years old, died from a concussion following his knockout at the hands of Pierre Greef in Roubaix, France. (Professional)

March 8—Jack Engelman, 15 year old high school student was stopped by a fellow student at Lacrosse, Wash. He collapsed and died in a hospital. (Amateur)

April 7—Young Canuto died eight hours after being knocked out by Tenejeros, bantam champion of Mindinao. (Professional)

April 10—Manuel Torres of Chile died from head injuries received in a bout with Pablo Aniello at Cordoba, Argentine. (Professional)

May 27—Billy Wilkins, 19 years old, died from a head concussion following his knockout in a Welsh amateur boxing tournament bout. (Amateur)

June 14—Arthur Naidos died in South Africa following a head injury.

August 27—Mickey Johnson, West African welterweight was fatally injured in a bout in Lancaster, Eng., with Tommy Barnabas. He received a fractured skull. (Professional)

August 28—Nicholas Vamvakas, a Greek boxing sailor, was killed in a bout with Josip Pavelich of Yugoslav. He was 22 years old. Death followed a head injury. (Amateur)

September 20—Salvador Cerda was knocked out in a Golden Gloves bout by Jesus Ponce de Leon Castillo and died from a heart attack. (Amateur)

October 5—Jimmy (Bud) Taylor from Miami died from a head injury following his knockout at the hands of Charley Joseph in New Orleans. (Professional)

November 6—Honore Pratesi, former French flyweight king died in a London Hospital from severe injuries received in his bout with Jake Tuli. (Professional)

November 9 — Nestor Jackson, Venezuelan boxer, died from a brain concussion in a Buenos Aires Hospital. His injury was received in a bout with Jose Pons. (Professional)

November 21—Cpl. Stephen B. Fierchinger of Moscow, Idaho, 21 years old, died following his knockout in a bout at Camp Carson Field at Colorado Springs.

November 23—In Buenos Aires, Remo Anibal Charra died following a match with Casildo Monterc. (Amateur)

December 8—Leonard Davidson, a featherweight, 30 years, died in London from a concussion. (Amateur)

December 11—Donald A. Millard, Colorado School of Mines boxer, 22, died from a hemorrhage. (Amateur)

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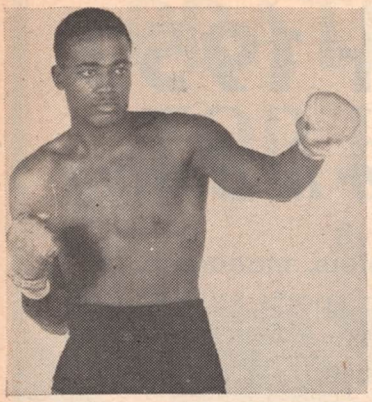

Al Hoosman, American heavyweight campaigning overseas the past three years, proved himself to be a stand-up guy in his bout with Tommy Farr in Cardiff, So. Wales. In this case, he had no choice.

Wrestler Marvin (Atomic) Mercer plays footsie with Boxer Omelio Agramonte during their exhibition which was a sad mixture of the rules of the two sports. Tony Zale, who refereed, seems to be contemplating disqualifying Agramonte for illegal use of two hands.

By JOHNNY SALAK

ODDLY a year goes by that Fate doesn't step into the ring as the Fourth Man and make certain that a bout will end in a double knockout. 1952 was no exception.

Two New Jersey lightweights wound up in just that predicament on October 27 at the Trenton Arena but not because of any well-timed rights that landed simultaneously and with malice aforethought. Gen Takach and Charlie Slaughter, clever little boys that they are, decided to use their heads in this one. And so, in the fourth round, after bumping noggins and suffering severe eye cuts the commission doctor ruled them both unable to continue.

Referee Joe Kukal in a quandry (he works there in his spare time) called the bout a "double TKO" which is regarded as a draw in New Jersey. As the fight for Takach's State lightweight title settled nothing, the boys promise to get their heads together again real soon.

The zany year seemed to begin last January (the month most such years begin) when an amateur welterweight, Rich Keeling, succeeded in knocking out his opponent in a bout at Louisville, Ky., but failed to get in the final blow. After flattening Bill Redford, a red-haired woman stomped menacingly across the ring and socked winner Keeling with a lulu of a right-hand wallop. When the excitement had died down—and Keeling got up—the woman, identified as the loser's mother, apologized. Which should prove once and for all that the fair sex not only gets in the last word but also the final punch.

IT was bound to happen sooner or later. The precision timing which had captivated the interest of the writer so many years could not go on indefinitely. On March 13 at San Francisco, Garth Panter, of Salt Lake City, jumped off his stool like a panther at the sound of the warning buzzer to start the fifth round of his fight with Baby Day. He had ten seconds to wait and decided to sit down again but quick-handed handlers—you guessed it—had already pulled away the stool. Panter wound up sitting on the canvas, his pride hurting, as 11,000 fight fans roared with laughter. As his opponent won the decision, it was just a Bad Day for Panter all around.

One of those freaks of the sports world, an exhibition billed as "Boxer vs. Wrestler" bobbed up—and down—at Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City, this Summer when Omelio Agramonte, the Cuban heavyweight, and Marvin (Atomic) Mercer hooked up to settle the age-old question of supremacy. The a-bout-nothing scheduled for ten rounds, each of five minutes duration, went only half the distance when Agramonte's handlers called a halt. They insisted that their contract was for five rounds which in turn made some people insist that it was five rounds too long.

In the first Mercer was down for a nine-count and there were cries of "no-ac-count" but he quickly won over the fans again with artistic dives at the elusive Agramonte's legs in an attempt to gain a fall.

Despite the fact that Mercer never landed his famous atomic kick he had no kick coming as he did manage to drop Agramonte twice though he failed to pin him. Obviously some culprit had swiped his safety pins.

At the end of the five rounds Tony Zale, who had acted (and a good job of acting it was too) as referee, after long deliberation awarded the bout to Mercer because Agramonte refused to continue, which just about made everyone

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THE ROCK

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Despite his triumph, Marciano was disappointed. He had planned to produce a finish in which Savold would be laid out on the canvas.

At the time, this was regarded as something of a setback for Marciano. Actually, it was a tremendous benefice to his career. He realized that there still were many things for him to learn, and that he was not, as he had been advertised, the Superman.

On April 21, Rocky knocked out Gino Buonvino in two rounds, at Providence. On May 12, Bernie Reynolds failed to last out the third round against Marciano, again at Providence, where so many of Rocco's victories have been scored.

ON July 28, in Yankee Stadium, Marciano placed himself in the top position among the contenders for the title by knocking out Harry Matthews.

For a couple of years, Matthews and Jack Hurley, his vociferous manager, had berated the International Boxing Club for refusing him his just dues. His decision over Bob Murphy in New York had entitled Matthews to big things, Hurley shouted.

Marciano blasted Matthews right out of the picture and forced Jersey Joe Walcott to take the title out of deep freeze and lay it on the line against Rocky.

As the thirteenth round hove into view in the fight between Rocky and Joe, the aged Walcott had the upper hand on points. But no sooner had the thirteenth got under way, than Marciano had the title.

Just as soon as Walcott had been counted out, Marciano had the Fighter of the Year award in his grasp. It is fairly conceivable that even if Rocky had failed to beat Walcott, he still would have been named. But Rocky's spectacular triumph left no room for doubt as to who merited the citation.

IN the "deed of gift" of *The Ring* Magazine's Most Valuable Fighter prize, there is no mention of modesty as one of the requisites for selection. Certainly some of the winners since 1928 were not exactly blushing violets.

But modesty and humility stand out in the makeup of *The Ring's* 1952 Fighter of the Year, to a degree which has not been surpassed by designees of the past.

As a preliminary to this award, Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of *The Ring* Magazine, not so long ago presented to Rocky the world championship belt which he gives to title winners in all classes.

Marciano tried desperately to make an acceptance speech, but failed. He got a lump in his throat, and sat down.

"To think that I have won *The Ring* belt for the heavyweight title," he said, later.

"Just imagine me, the guy from Brockton, getting this prize. I can't believe it."

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1948—Ike Williams
1949—Ezzard Charles
1950—Ezzard Charles
1951—Ray Robinson
1952—Rocky Marciano

STANDOUT FIGHTS

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fistic merchants to the prospects of this Far Western territory in their future plans, and the manner of arriving at the much criticized verdict by Referee Jack Dempsey flabbergasted the country.

The old Manassa Mauler gave two rounds to Layne, one to Charles, and called the seven others EVEN! The storm kicked up by Dempsey's decision was surpassed by the public bewilderment over how he arrived at it.

Tommy Collins' smashing knockout of ex-champion Willie Pep was the outstanding bout of the year among the featherweights in the U. S. In the Boston Garden on June 30, Pep was using Collins as a foil for all his famed razzle-dazzle while cuffing his way to an easy decision.

Collins nailed Wispy Willie at the bell ending the fifth round and dropped him. Pep came out for the sixth but was too far gone and was easy prey for the Boston boy's power punches.

This kayo win put Collins right at the top of the list of the pretenders for Saddler's crown while the champion is in the service.

Overseas the Ankara-Famechon match definitely established Famechon as the class of the foreign featherweights and the man the American claimant will have to meet before gaining worldwide recognition.

This match between the Gold Coast African, Roy Ankara, whose only defeat up to then had been a disputed disqualification, and the French champion was one of the highlights of the year in England. Held at Nottingham on June 9, Famechon not only outboxed the British Empire champion but out hustled him at the African's own game of whirlwind mixing.

England's other standout fight of the year was the Turpin-Cockell meeting on June 10 in London. In this one the former world's middleweight champion, Randy Turpin, added the British Empire light-heavyweight championship to his list of ring accomplishments, which already includes the European middleweight title. He stopped Cockell in the eleventh round in his most impressive showing since he defeated Ray Robinson to win the world's middleweight title in 1951.

Then there was Jake Tuli's knockout of Teddy Gardner in twelve, giving the Zulu the British Empire flyweight title.

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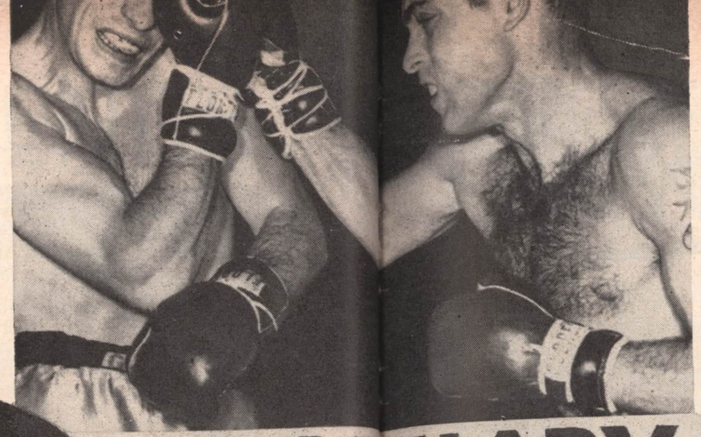
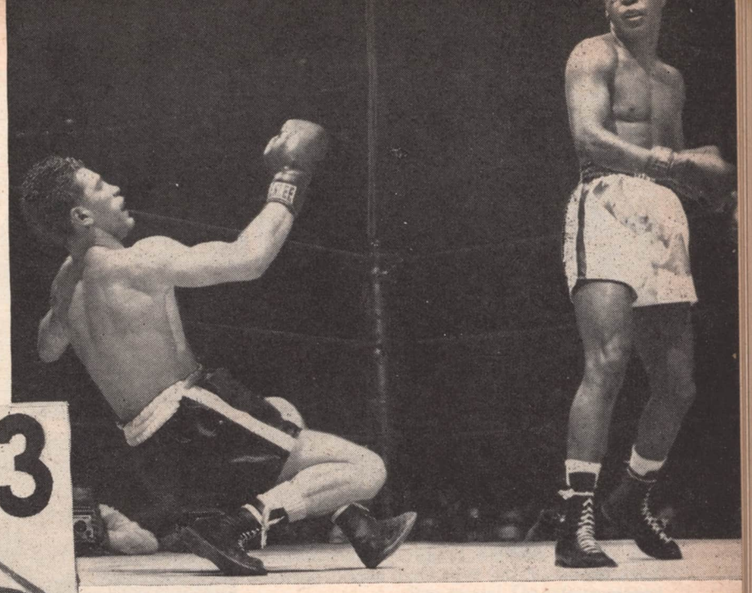
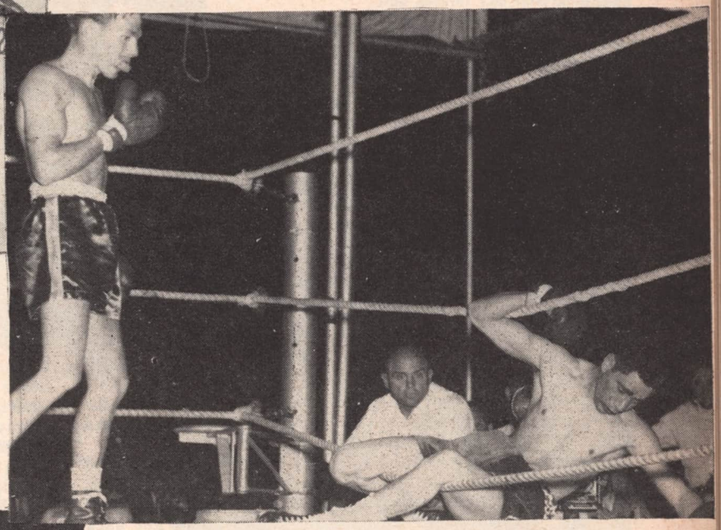
new champion is born as the thundering fists of Rocky Marciano blast Jersey Joe Walcott into utter defeat in the thirteenth round at Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia. This was the big story, the big fight and the big knockout of the year.



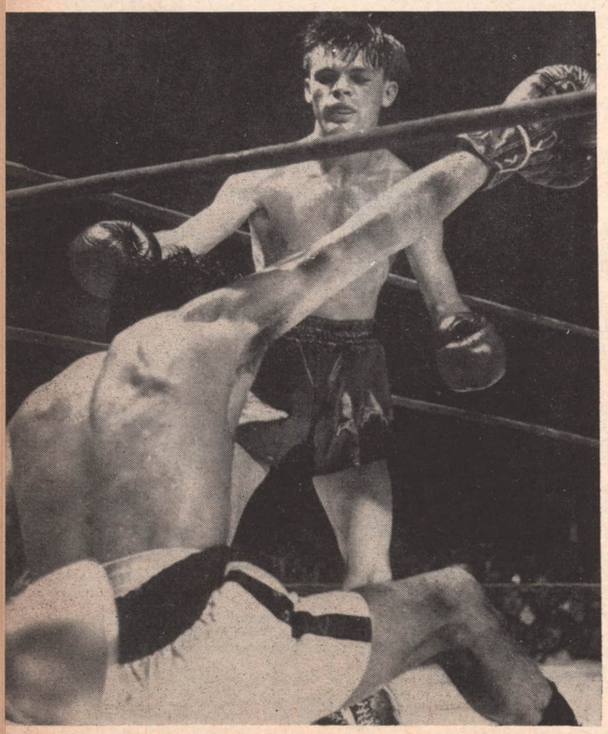
Carl (Bobo) Olson of Hawaii (right) who twice fought Ray Robinson for the middleweight title, scored many stirring wins in 1952, climaxing it with a two-round kayo over Lee Sala (left).

Johnny Bratton (right), No. 1 welterweight contender, halts the aspirations of Joe Miceli in the eighth round at Madison Square Garden. An estimated 50,000,000 persons saw Bratton fight on TV during the twelve month period.





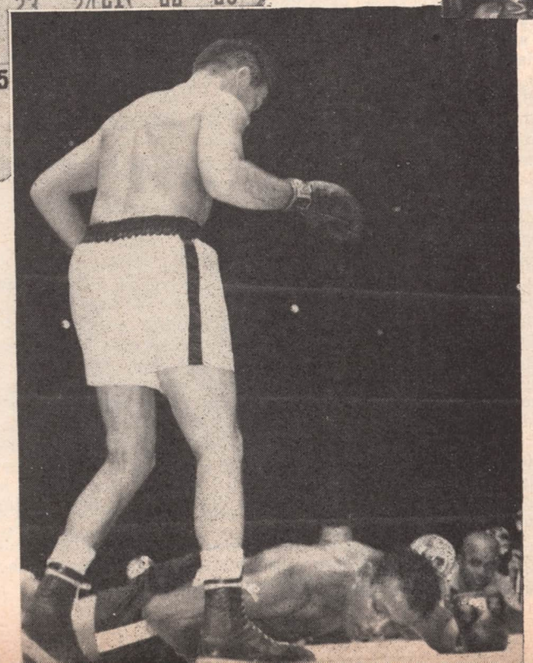
Jimmy Carruthers (left) of Australia knocked Vic Towell out of the ring and out of the title in less than one round at Johannesburg to win the world bantamweight crown. It was 13th title bout to go less than a round.

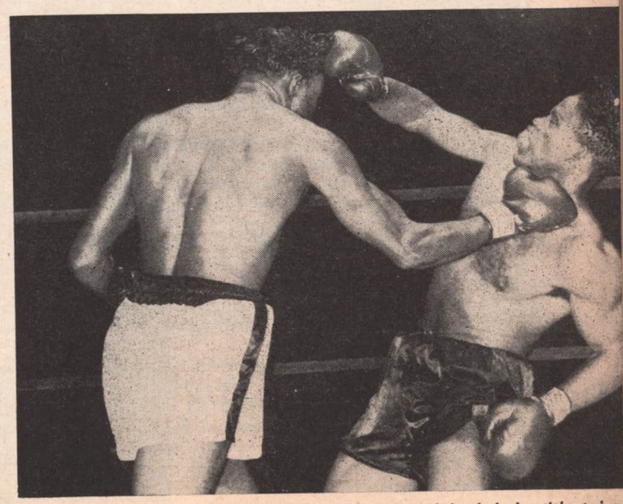


Tommy Collins halted Willie Pep, former world featherweight champion (above), during the year and then went on to defeat Glen Flanagan in the interim title tourney which he quit after that victory.

Chuck Davey undefeated welterweight, knocout former lightweight champ Williams in five rounds at Chicago to push himself into the national spotlight and then secured his first with defeats of Chico Vejar, Tune Basilio and Rocco Rozziano.

Light-heavyweight champ Joey Maxim (left) stands Sugar Ray Robinson in the thirteenth round at Yankee Stadium. The middleweight champion was unable to come out for the fourteenth in one of the hottest battles of the year.





Kid Gavilan, as the world welterweight champion, defended the title twice. Here we see him stopping Gil Turner (right), previously undefeated, at Philadelphia in the eleventh round. Later he decisively outpointed Billy Graham.

News of the MAT World

By NAT LOUBET

WRESTLING, like boxing made a comeback towards the end of the year after a very poor start. Television, which for a time had been a big help to the mat sport and had brought in thousands of new fans, mostly women, lost considerable of its patronage as the months went by until the sport was drawing almost as little, in many of the bigger cities, as was boxing.

Then came new blood into the field in Pedro Martinez, a former wrestler, who in conjunction with Toots Mondt and others decided to give the promoters around New York talent of the type that would reawaken a fast dying business.

In cooperation with promoter Charley Johnston, Martinez and company hired Madison Square Garden for an all-star card and hit the bullseye. Before a gathering of 18,357 persons that included more than 200 standees, the largest the House that Tex Built has had for a grappling show since Jim Londos wrestled for the championship there more than a dozen years back.

Wrestling came back with a bang on November 18 with the Garden show. Not only did the affair bring out three times as many spectators as has any fight the Garden staged in 1952, but for thrills and entertainment, the show was tops. From all indications, the wrestling promoters will be invited to take over as many open dates as Ned Irish can find if the Garden crowd and the financial returns are a criterion.

Not in many years has a wrestling card grossed as much as did the Antonio Rocco vs. Lou Kim affair that topped the card. Backed by the Lou Thez vs. Gene Stanlee semi-final, the 8,357 fans paid $57,396.93 to see the mat artists go through their stunts and the rounds of applause, the cheers and the laughs indicated that they were well pleased with the entertainment furnished.

With the finest drop kicking we have seen in these parts in many years, Rocco, scaling 225 pounds, defeated Kim, 262, in 10 minutes and 43 seconds. The Argentinian was kicked into and over the ropes until he no longer could get back on time and was counted out amid wild plaudits. Rocco, a favorite among the wrestling followers, proved that he is the standout of the present day grapplers as an attraction.

In the semi-windup Thez, another favorite, scaling 228, body-slammed Stanlee into defeat in 20 minutes of a rough and tumble affair. The women who comprised more than 50 percent of the Garden spectators, took a dislike to Stanlee from the start and booed him loudly and long every time he roughed Thez, known as the "national champ".

A week before his appearance in the Garden, Rocco blew the duke to Thez at the Olympic Stadium of Los Angeles in what was billed as a "national championship" match. Now the Garden is planning on using this pair as the headliners in their next show to enable the popular Argentinian matman to avenge the California defeat. Following his Garden victory over Kim, the Argentinian, discussing Thez, with the writer, remarked:

"Thez e es a good man but I can beat him and would like for him to meet me here in a return bout. I have not good breaks in California."

In the California match, before a gathering of 10,400 fans, another indication that the sport is coming back rapidly, Rocco won the first fall in 27.34 with an Argentinian Rocco whip and Thez won the second fall in 8.46 with drop kicks and a body press. Rocco wound up outside the ropes for that fall. The third and final fall was recorded in the quick time of 1 minute and 52 seconds with Thez the victor.

Gypsy Joe, NWA champ of the 185 pound division shown with his wife, who acts as his manager and second.

In a fifteen minute match Ilio Di Paolo, 235, Italy, and Steve Stanley, 230, of New York drew. Pedro Escobar, 210, Puerto Rico, pinned Jim Austeri, 215, Italy in 3:57. In 20 minute matches: Rafael Halpern, 214, Israel flattened Lenny Montana, 244, Newark, in 5:43. Billy Watson, 232, Toronto, defeated Jarque Spain, 222, Spain, in 12:28. In a 30 minute match Leslie Carleton, 240, England, and Johnny Berend, 230, Rochester, grappled to a draw.

That show drew a gate of $39,837.

Where does wrestling go from here? Jim Norris and the International Boxing Club had better watch out. The Mat game may soon shut out the I.B.C.'s boxing.

As in any sport give the fans what they want and they'll buy the product regardless of television. No sport can endure with disregard to the likes of the consumer. Out in Minneapolis, Joe Stecher has been consistently drawing big crowds, the same is true of Chicago and out on the Pacific Coast where the fans are given a show for their money.

Unfortunately, wrestling slowed down in its drawing power with the exception of a few big cities. New York City, former mecca of boxing and wrestling, with the exception of the big Garden show, has done very badly this year mainly because there has been a lack of new talent. Not freaks and oddities but solid wrestling that can develop a following is needed. Mat fans go to shows to root home their favorites but like all sports fans they must be treated to a change of diet and something new to rave about.

The outstanding accomplishment during the year was the Lou Thez—Baron Leone fracas in Los Angeles where 25,256 attended, paying $103,277 for the year's high in gates. This highlighted the year which saw wrestling come back to the Garden.

Two stablemates gained places as leading contenders for the NWA wrestling crown worn by Lou Thez. Verne Gagne,

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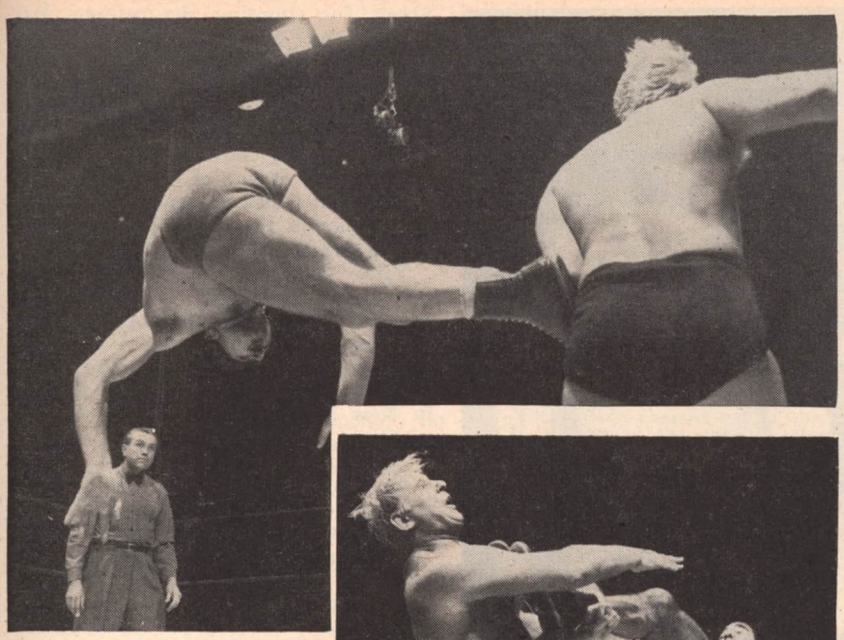
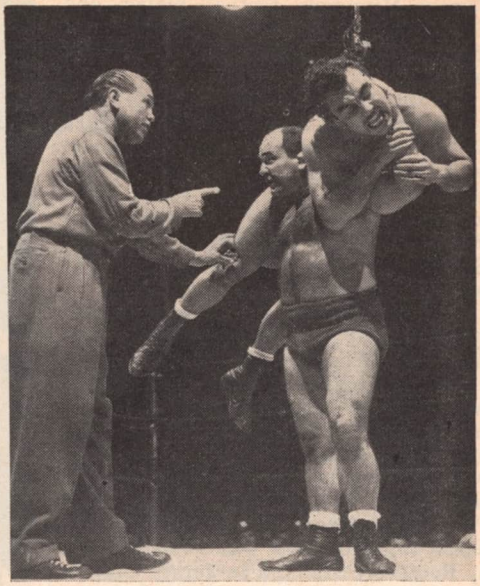
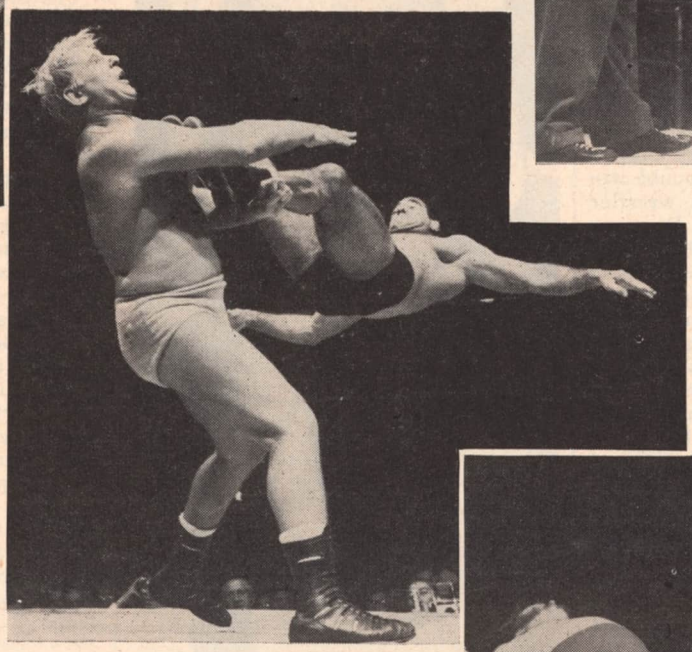


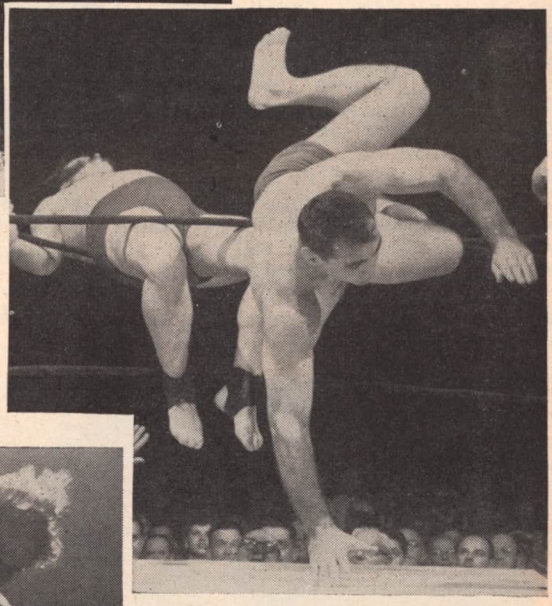
A man who has a kick coming! Steve Stanlee of New York receives a drop kick from Llio Di Paola of Italy in their Madison Square Garden match which ended in a draw.



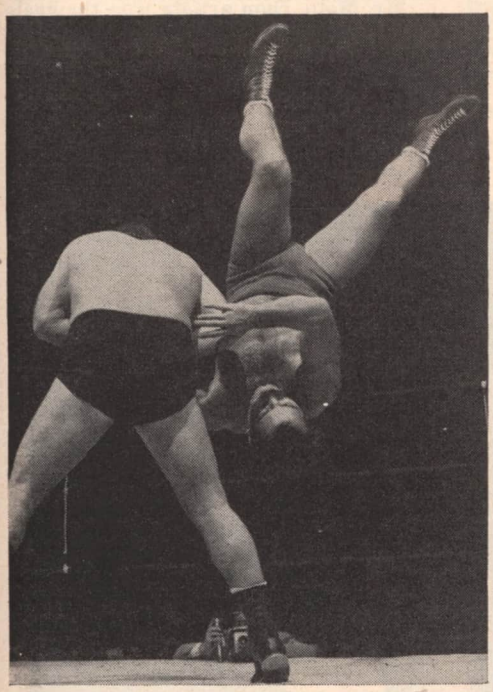
Stop neckin! The referee seems to be instructing Jim Austeri of Italy to break it up as Jim gives Pedro Escobar an extra squeeze. Escobar won the match in the House that Tex Built.



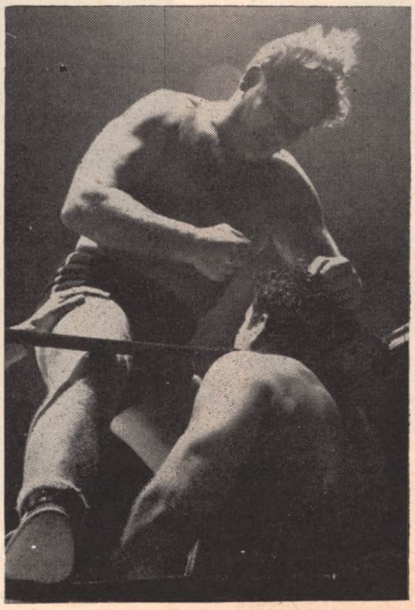
Gene Stanlee (Mr. America) sees red, white and blue as Lou Thez, NWA champ from St. Louis, executes a perfect drop kick for extra points in their match at the Garden which was won by Thez in 15:14.



All 262 pounds of the Orient's Lu Kim relaxes on the ropes for the count as Antonino Rocca of the Argentine completes his nights work in 10:43 of the main event in one of the best cards of grappling seen in this locality in many a year.



Toronto's Billy Watson uses a flying mare to drop Gregario Jarque of Spain to win their match in the return of big time wrestling to Madison Square Garden.



Ya Understand? Leslie (Lord) Carleton of England explaining the hard facts of life to Johnny Barend of Rochester in their bout which went to a draw.

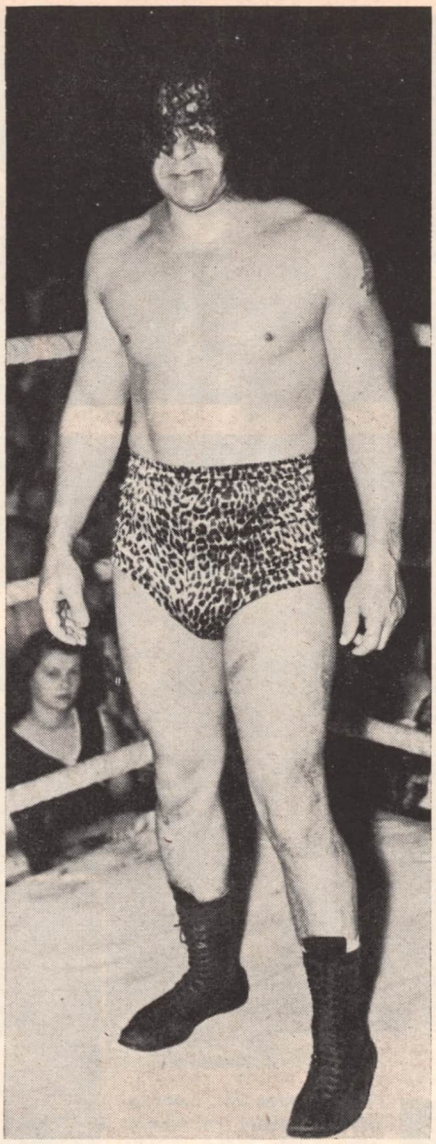
former Minnesota football player, and Pat O'Connor, of New Zealand, have gained a wide following in recent months.

In the Olympics the U. S. fell far short of what was expected. Henry Wittenberg, New York City policeman, was heralded as a shoein for the lightheavy bauble. But Henry, like other favorites, fell by the wayside and the U. S. gained only one crown. Bill Smith of Cedar Falls, Iowa won the welter championship for America.

1952 saw women rise to new heights in popularity among the followers of the mat. Wherever they appeared the show saw bigger receipts. Although women in wrestling dates back to the Greek era of super sports the fair sex still had a long way to go before they will be universally accepted by the ruling fathers as a part of the sport.

One of the big events of the wrestling world this past year was an event held at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City to determine for all time who would win in a mixed match between a wrestler and a boxer. Not since Jack Dempsey knocked out Cowboy Luttrell in 1940 in two heats had anyone attempted to settle the issue. . . . In this latest test Omelio Agramonte, a Cuban heavyweight, crossed grunts with Marvin Mercer with Mercer gaining the nod at the end of five rounds. The decision decided nothing, however, since Agramonte's manager, Charley Rose, refused to allow his man to go beyond five rounds, claiming that was the agreed upon period for the match. As a witness to the fiasco it can be stated that no one proved anything. Tony Zale, ex-middleweight champ, who refereed the match stated to the writer that he had travelled all the way from Indiana in genuine interest as to the outcome and was sorry that he had been part of the show, since it had made an indecisive issue more indecisive.

Peter Muller, former middleweight boxing champ of Germany, who was suspended in a title fight with Hans Stretz for slugging the referee, Max Pippow, has turned wrestler and has been given his license back by the boxing commission . . . evidently wrestling fans demanded that Muller be allowed to box again. . . .



Jungle Boy, a thrill provider among the rough boys in the heavyweight class. (Photo by Bob Utter).

Connie Rux, German, former European boxing champ of the light heavyweights, has also turned to the grunt and groaners for a career. Boxing is not as sure a way of staying on top.

Vince Salerne, Philadelphia heavyweight, an instructor of wrestling at the world's largest YMCA in Philly, who was a member of the U. S. Army 8th Air Force team during World War II, may soon break into the mat scene in New York . . . he'll be a welcome addition.

At Louisville, Ky., (Wild Bill) Longson was disqualified in his match with Lou Thez after Thez had won the first fall. Longson went to work on Thez with two pile driver slams. When the ref interfered Longson pushed him aside and before Thez could protect himself gave the champ another pile driver slam. Thez was in bad condition but Longson was disqualified by the ref for unnecessary roughness.

In the semi-windup in a battle of the giants the German (big man) Hans Herman defeated 6 feet-6 inches-260-pound Jim (Goon) Henry in two straight falls. On the undercard:—Don Beitelman and Billy Blassie drew. Ray (Thunder) Stern took the measure over Jacques Britton.

Worcester, Mass saw Don Leo Jonathan a Mid Western favorite defeat Les Ruffin in one fall that took 17 minutes with a series of body lifts and slams.

Mr. Moto, chop artiste won the finals of an elimination to determine the Long Beach Auditorium champ of California from Sheik Ben Ali.

From Miami Beach, Florida comes word from a reader that a new club has

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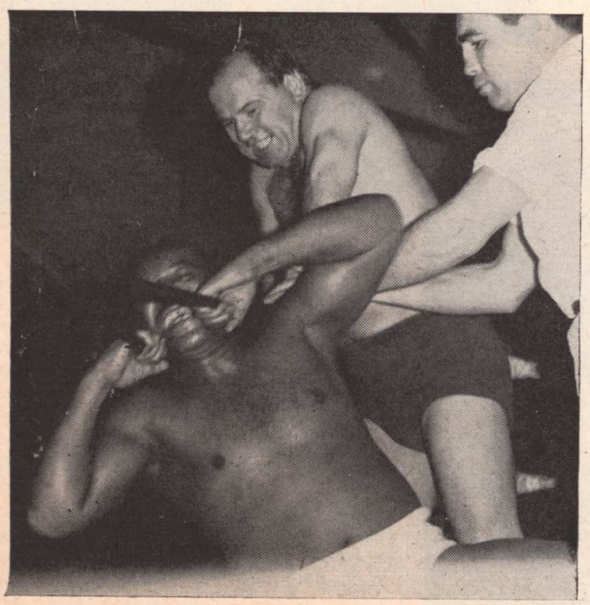
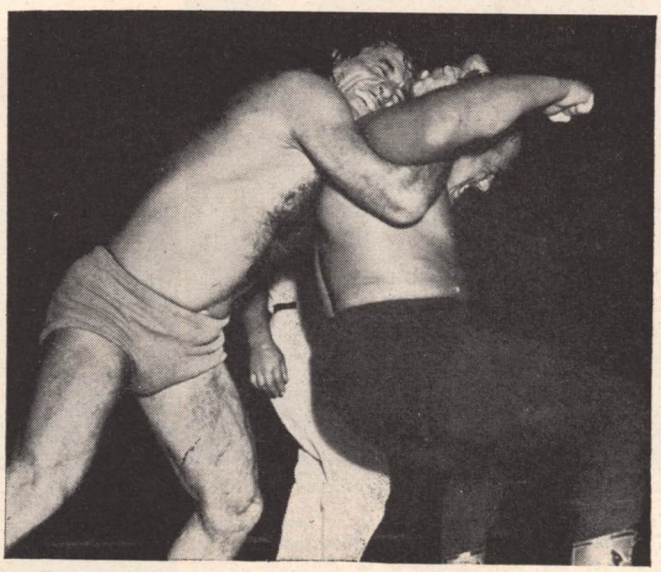


Oh my achin head! Tiger Joe Marsh gives a headache to Don Kindred in a Boise, Idaho ring but it wasn't sufficient to keep Don from coming back to gain a draw.



Here's a switch! Michele Leone clamps an "Atlas Nelson" on the Mighty Atlas, who originated the hold. The Baron won via a disqualification at Indianapolis. (Photo by Bob Utter).

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Rated *by* "THE RING" *for* 1952

By NAT FLEISCHER

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These ratings are based on results from January 1 to December 20, 1952, inclusive.

AS in past years, the ratings listed below are the result of considerable thought and study and not recorded through mere guesswork. *The Ring* Editor has had the assistance of an able staff, consisting of his co-workers on *The Ring* and his correspondents in gathering the data necessary for a world-wide ranking of pugilists as appears in this issue.

In foreign countries only top men have been given a rating. In Central, South and North America all active fighters are listed.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.

Group 1

1—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
2—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
3—Rex Layne, Salt Lake City, Utah.
4—Roland LaStarza, New York.
5—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O.
6—Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, Cal.
7—Coley Wallace, New York.
8—Johnny Williams, England.
9—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany.
10—Karel Sys, Belgium.

Group 2

1—Bob Dunlap, Salt Lake City, Utah.
2—Cesar Brion, Argentine.
3—Don Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Hein ten Hoff, Germany.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Omelio Agramonte, Havana, Cuba; Roy Andrews, England; Johnny Arthur, S. Africa.
Bob Baker, Pittsburgh; Willie Bean, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frank Bell, England; Freddie Beshore, Oakland, Calif; Frank Buford, Oakland, Calif.
Don Cockell, England.
Dave Davey, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Embrel Davidson, Detroit, Mich; Jeff Dyer, Holyoke, Mass.
Vern Escoe, Toronto, Canada.
Tommy Farr, Wales; Abel Fernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
Bill Gilliam, Newark, N. J.
Dale Hall, West Jordan, Utah; Jesse Hall, Tacoma, Wash.; Cecil Hudson, Los Angeles, Calif.
Willie James, Boston, Mass.; Gene (Tiger) Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.
Joe Kahut, Woodburn, Ore.
Ted Lowry, New Haven, Conn.
Sandy McPherson, New York; Leonard Morrow, Oakland, Calif.; Bob Murphy, San Diego, Calif.
Jack Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Charlie Norkus, Bayonne, N. J.
Kurt Schiegl, Germany; Paddy Slavin, Ireland; Lou Strydom, South Africa.
Nino Valdes, Havana, Cuba.
Earl Walls, Toronto, Canada; Larry Watson, Omaha, Nebr.; Werner Wiegand, Luxemburg; Piet Wilde, Belgium; Ray Wilding, England; Cleveland Williams, Tampa, Fla.; Aaron Wilson, Birmingham, Ala.

Class B

Al Adams, Jackson, Mich.; Ansel Adams, Trinidad; Ray Aguilar, Seattle, Wash.; Karl Ameisbichler, Austria.
Ray Banks, New Orleans, La.; Jack Batson, Charlotte, N. C.; Len Bennett, England; Lou Benson, Baltimore, Md., Rufus Berry, St. Louis, Mo.; Arthur Birmingham, Salem, Mass.; George Bissett, South Africa; Tony Bosnich, San Francisco, Calif.; Gene Brixon, New York; Jesse Brown, Toledo, Ohio.
Americo Capittanelli, Argentine; Antonio Carrico, Brazil; Billy Carter, Edmonton, Canada; Colin Chaney, Indianapolis, Ind.
Earl David, Harlem, N. Y.

How the 1952 Leaders Compare With 1951's

HERE is a comparison of the No. 1 fighters in the 1951 rankings and the runners-up, and those of the past year:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

1951—Jersey Joe Walcott, champion, and Ezzard Charles.
1952—Rocky Marciano, champion, and Jersey Joe Walcott.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

1952—Archie Moore, champion, and Joey Maxim.
1952—Joey Maxim, champion, and Archie Moore.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

1951—Ray Robinson, champion, and Randolph Turpin.
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WELTERWEIGHTS

1951—Kid Gavilan, U. S. champion, and Charley Humez, European champion, deadlocked.
1952—Kid Gavilan, champion, and Bobby Dykes.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

1951—James Carter, champion, and Luther Rawlings.
1952—James Carter, champion, and Johnny Gonsalves.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

1951—Sandy Saddler, champion, and Willie Pep.
1952—Sandy Saddler, champion, and Ray Famechon.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

1951—Vic Toweel, champion, and Jimmy Carruthers.
1952—Jimmy Carruthers, champion, and Vic Toweel.

FLYWEIGHTS

1951—Dado Marino, champion, and Yoshio Shirai.
1952—Yoshio Shirai, champion, and Jake Tuli.

David Elmes, England; Tony Esperti, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert Eugene, Belgium.
Gene Gosney, Big Lake, Texas.
Winnifred Henne, Belgium; Art Henri, New York; John Holman, Chicago, Ill.
Bob Johnson, Toledo, Ohio; Reuben Jones, Richmond, Va.
Wilson Kohlbrecher, Germany.
Charlie Lester, Cleveland, Ohio; Tony Lomonaco, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Archie McBride, Trenton, N. J.; Terry McDonald, England; Joe McFadden, Winston Salem, N. C.; John McFalls, Los Angeles, Calif.; Antonio Moscoloni, Argentine.
Gil Newkirk, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Nuttall, England.
Terry O'Connor, Niagara, Falls, N. Y.; Steve Olek, France.
James J. Parker, Barrie, Ontario; Oscar Pharo, Birmingham, Ala.; Joe Poodles, Baltimore, Md.; George Powell, Detroit, Mich.
Bernie Reynolds, Fairfield, Conn.
Vicente Santos, Brazil; Ralph Schneider, Chicago, Ill.; George Stern, England; Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.; Art Swiden, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Hank Thurman, Modesto, Calif.; Heinz Titze, Germany.
Jo Weiden, Austria; Herbert Wiese, Germany; Bill Wilson, Hickory, N. C.; Calvin Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Wilson, Providence, R. I.

Class C

Phil Alston, Roslyn, Long Island.
Teodoro Cabral, Brazil; Thomas Carrion, New York.
Buck DeCordova, Tampa, Fla.; Ponce De-Leon, Spokane, Wash.; Vince Donnelly, Minneapolis, Minn.; Isaac Dukes, Baltimore, Md.
Frank Flood, Yorkville, N. Y.
Bob Garner, Lexington, Ky.
Walter Hafer, Akron, Ohio; Toxie Hall, Chicago, Ill.; Ken Hammer, Detroit, Mich.; Lee Hansen, Seattle, Wash.; Jack Harding, Buffalo, N. Y.; Leon Harvey, Newark, N. J.; Wendell Haskell, Ogden, Utah; Tony Haskins, Baltimore, Md.; Al Hogan, New Waterford, Canada; Johnny Hollins, Austin, Tex.; Al Hunter, Detroit, Mich.
Thomas Jackson, Rockaway Beach, N. Y.; Jackie Jacobs, West Side, N. Y.
Bob Lindsay, Detroit, Mich.
Candy McDaniels, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Albert McEachern, Miami, Fla.; Angel Martinez, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Middleton, Hartford, Conn.; Mel Modeste, San Francisco, Calif.; Battling Moore, Washington, D. C.; Paul Munguia, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Jim Murphy, Tacoma, Wash.; Stan Mylinski, Chicago, Ill.
Bill Napolitan, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Bill Noble, Grand Island, Nebr.
Lee Pearce, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Bill Petersen, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Pulaski, Pensacola, Fla.
Bobby Ready, Graniteville, S. C.; Art Rogers, Revere, Mass.
Al Schlimm, Baltimore, Md.; Willie Simmons, Aberdeen, Md.; Paulie Simpson, Cleveland, Ohio; Billy Smith, Miami Shores, Fla.; Al Spaulding, Oakland, Cal.; Joe Stepka, St. Paul, Minn.
Jack Taylor, Newark, N. J.; Rex Traux, Lansing, Mich.
Estever Vargal, Brazil.
Jimmy Walker, Plainfield, N. J.; Bert Whitehurst, Baltimore, Md.; Chester Williams, Pensacola, Fla.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.

Group 1

1—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
2—Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.
4—Yolande Pompee, Trinidad, B. W. I.
5—Danny Nardico, Tampa, Fla.
6—Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles, Cal.
7—Jimmy Slade, New York.
8—Rocky Jones, Chester, Pa.
9—Jake LaMotta, New York.
10—Randolph Turpin, England.

Group 2

1—Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
2—Wesley Bascom, St. Louis, Mo.
3—Joey DeJohn, Buffalo, N. Y.
4—Robert Villemain, France.

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Class A

Sonny Andrews, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Augustus, Topeka, Kansas.
Jose Basora, Puerto Rico.
Albert Finch, England.
Jacques Hairabedian, France; Gerhard Hecht, Germany; Willi Hoepner, Germany.
Julian Keene, Washington, D. C.
Dennis Powell, Wales.
Jo Ronde, France.
Lalu Sabotin, Warren, Ohio.
Oakland Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.
Dick Wagner, Toppenish, Wash.

Class B

Al Aikens, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Brian Anders, England; Paul Andrews, Long Island, N. Y.
Clinton Bacon, Chicago, Ill.; Sal Belloise, New York; Bill Black, Philadelphia, Pa.; Arnold Blasingham, Detroit, Mich.; Bobby Brandt, Philadelphia, Pa.
Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.
Dick Davis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Garnett Denny, Ireland; Gregorio Denamo, Brazil; Raymond Dieu, Paris, France.
Sid Edwards, Newark, N. J.; Elton Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.
Frank Favaro, Akron, Ohio; Billy Ferguson, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Victor D'Haes, Belgium; Waddell Hanna, Philadelphia, Pa.; Archie Hannigan, Glace Bay, Canada; Dieter Hucks, Belgium; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, Ohio.
Matt Jackson, Tacoma, Fla.; Fernando Janilli, Italy.
Jack Krynauw, S. Africa.
Tony Liversage, S. Africa.
Vic Phayer, England.
Ken Rowlands, England.
Phil Saxton, Elizabeth, N. J.; Don Scott, England; Willie Shagen, Germany; Valacio Silva, Brazil; Chuck Spieser, Detroit, Mich.; Reg Spring, England.
Renato Tontini, Italy.
George Walker, England; Ron Whittle, West Jordan, Utah; Dave Williams, Wales.
Eddie Zastre, Montreal, Canada; Antonio Zumbano, Brazil.

Class C

Jerry Brown, Los Angeles, Calif.; Egbert Brown, Bermuda.
Atilio Caroune, Argentina; Angel Cassano, Argentina; Earl Charity, Youngstown, Ohio; Max Christ, Tooele, Utah; Earl Cook, Vancouver, Canada; Frankie Crane, Hollywood, Calif.; Bob Crosby, Eustis, Fla.
Sonny Dennis, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Johnny Fowler, Miami, Fla.
Rocky Gatlin, Kenner, La.; Mike Gillen, N. Y.; Frank Gimbel, Spokane, Wash.
William Haigler, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Jimmy Ingram, Los Angeles, Calif.
Richard James, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Johnson, Miami, Beach, Fla.
Earl (Indian) Keel, Oklahoma City; Lou King, Chicago, Ill.
Claude Labelle, Montreal, Canada; Roosevelt LaBoard, Bronx, N. Y.; Walter Landry, Hollywood, Calif.; Billy Lewis, Baltimore, Md.
Herbie Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio; Louis (Kid) Murphy, Orlando, Fla.
Warren Odum, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Ludwig Otto, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dick Reddick, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Risko, South Africa; Kermit Robinson, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Heinz Sachs, Germany; Johnny Saxton, Miami, Fla.
Henry Taylor, Topeka, Kans.
Luigi Verruccio, Salerno, Italy; Fred Vorster, South Africa.
Jimmy Welch, Cincinnati, Ohio; Herbie White, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leroy Williams, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy Woods, Australia; Bill Red Worley, Austin, Tex.
Bobby Yore, Chicago, Ill.; Albert Yvel, France.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion

Ray Robinson, New York

Group 1

1—Randolph Turpin, England.
2—Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu.
3—Charles Humez, France.
4—Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.
5—Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.
6—Lee Sala, Donora, Pa.
7—Norman Hayes, Boston, Mass.
8—Eugene Hairston, New York.
9—George Angelo, Johannesburg, S. A.
10—Mickey Laurent, France.

Group 2

1—Joe Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Laurent Dauthuille, France.
3—Paddy Young, New York.
4—Ralph Tiger Jones, Yonkers, N. Y.
5—Walter Cartier, New York.
6—Ralph Zanelli, Providence, R. I.
7—Ray Barnes, Detroit, Mich.
8—Pierre Langlois, France.

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Les Allen, England; Andy Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lino Armenteros, Havana, Cuba; Joe Arnold, Chicago, Ill.
Jimmy Beau, New Canaan, Conn.; Joe Blackwood, New York; Johnny Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn.; Alex Buxton, England.
Jimmy Cerello, Hoboken, N. J.; Jose Contreras, Fall River, Mass.; Ron Crookes, England; Pedro Cuevas, Argentina.
Art Davis, Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Davis, England; Bobby Dawson, New York; Baby Day, Wilmington, Del.; Andre De Keersgieter, Belgium; Ronnie Delaney, Akron, Ohio; Tito Despaigne, Panama; Antonio Diaz, Argentina; Mario Diaz, Argentina; Sal Di Martino, New Haven, Conn.
Billy Fifield, Toronto, Canada; Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah.
Joe Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bull Gilkes, Trinidad; Sammy Giuliani, Stamford, Conn.; Otis Graham, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Greco, Montreal, Canada; Bob Green, New Orleans, La.
Jimmy Herring, Ozone Park, N. Y.
Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif.; Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.
Billy Kilgore, Birmingham, Ala.; Jimmy King, Buffalo, N. Y.
Bobby Lee, Baltimore, Md.; Bert Linam, Austin, Texas; Johnny Lombardo, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Freddie Lott, Newark, N. J.
Claude Milazzo, France; Duggie Miller, Johannesburg, S. Africa; Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.; Livio Minelli, Italy; Wilfredo Miro, Havana, Cuba; Terry Moore, Baltimore, Md.; Memo Moreno, Mexico City.
Garth Panter, Dayton, Utah; Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rica; Ron Pudney, England.
Joe Rindone, Boston, Mass.; Phil Rizzo, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cisco Saenz, Phoenix, Ariz.; Charlie Salas, Phoenix, Ariz.; Cliff Schellin, Stockton, Calif.; Georgie Small, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Antonio Soldevilla, Spain; Art Soto, Oakland, Calif.; Johnny Sullivan, England.
Hachiro Tatsumi, Japan; Willie Troy, Washington, D. C.; Earl Turner, Oakland, Calif.; Jesse Turner, St. Louis, Mo.
Gordon Wallace, Brantford, Canada; Charley Williams, Newark, N. J.

Class B

Arthur Acha, Belgium; Tony Amato, Hoboken, N. J.; Billy Ambrose, England; Richie Anderson, New York; Al Andrews, Oliver, Wis.; Billy Andy, Providence, R. I.; Pete Arabello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Willie Armstrong, Scotland; Tommy Aucillo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Aurillo, Chester, Pa.
Sammy Baldelli, Jessup, Pa.; Freddie Bartuch, Chicago, Ill.; Wally Beckett, England; Charlie Bennett, Washington, D. C.; Al Benton, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Benton, North Philadelphia, Pa.; Don Berry, Detroit, Mich.; Lou Berry, Detroit, Mich.; George Bodie, Dayton, Ohio; Al Bourke, Australia; Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Brewer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Britenbruck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Boy Brooks, Manila, P. I.; John Brown, Jamaica, Long Island.
Ricardo Calichio, Argentina; Johnny Cerky, Des Moines, Iowa; Steve Cermak, Jersey City, N. J.; Bob Clevers, England; Pedro Cobas, Argentina; Rocky Corkins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Armando Cotero, Juarez, Mexico; Bruce Crawford, England.
Roy Daniels, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nick DeGrazio, Rahway, N. J.; Ernie Dickson, Las Vegas, Nev.; Willie Dockery, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Marvin Edelman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Gil Edwards, New York; Jim (Red) Elby, Toledo, Ohio; Johnny (Red) Evans, Peeking, Ill.
Joe Faiello, Hays, Pa.; Harvey Fellon, New Orleans, La.; Nunzio Ferrara, Milwaukee, Wis.; Benny Flake, Spokane, Wash.; Arnold Fleiger, N. B., Canada; Jimmy Flood, New York; Jim Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
Young Calvin Garraway, British Guiana; Mike Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; Tony (Tex) Gonzales, E. Orange, N. J.; Charlie Green, Hollywood, Calif.; Aquiles Gregorutti, Argentina.
Martin Hansen, Denmark; Herbie Hayes, Elmsford, N. Y.; Gordon Hazell, England.
George Johnson, Trenton, N. J.
Eddie Kahut, Woodburn, Oregon; Paul Kaylor, Sacramento, Calif.
Tonny Leedle, Detroit, Mich.
Jimmy Martinez, Glendale, Ariz.; Gus Mell, Boston, Mass.; Hal Meredith, Macon, Ga.; Joe Munro, S. Africa.
Arnaldo Pacheco, Brazil; Irving Palefsky, New York; Jimmy Palazzola, Hollywood, Calif.; Sylvester Perkins, Chicago, Ill.; Sampson Powell, New York.
Richie Reed, New York; Miguel Rodriguez, Argentina; George Roe, England; George Ross, Canada; Jacques Royer-Crecy, France.
Hurley Sanders, Newark, N. J.; Irwin Schulz, New York; Pete Servin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Osvaldo Silva, Brazil; Rocky Soligny, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bob Stecher, Portland, Me.; Hans Stretz, Germany.
Ron Toohey, Australia.
Jerry Van Wyk, S. Africa; Willie Vaughn, Los Angeles, Calif.
Roger Whynott, Nova Scotia, Canada; Baby Williams, Havana, Cuba; Al Winn, Bronx, N. Y.
Paulo Zacoman, Brazil.

Class C

Aubrey Aaron, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pete Adams, Newark, N. J.; Art Aguilar, Los Angeles, Calif.; Leroy Allen, Paterson, N. J.; Bim Anderson, Rexburg, Idaho; Gabe Aripa, Walla Walla, Wash.
Richard Baldwin, Newark, N. J.; Joe Brostelli, New York; Ken Brown, Detroit, Mich. Gene Campbell, Eureka, Calif.; Wilbert Celestin, New Orleans, La.; Luther Chambers, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hec Charette, Windsor, Ont., Canada; Bill Clark, New York; Leonard Clark, Seattle, Wash.; Chuck Coleman, Detroit, Mich.; Delmont Coleman, Baltimore, Md.; Spencer Coleman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Steamboat Leroy Cooper, Chicago, Ill.; Billy Corbett, Sedro Wooley, Wash.; Jimmy Cousons, Indianapolis, Ind.
Harold Darlington, Greenville, S. C.; Raphael DaSylva, Portugal; Augustine Diaz, Hollywood, Calif.; Ed Dixon, Newark, N. J.; Enrique Dominguez, Mexico; Yvon Durelle, Canada; Jimmy Elliott, Port Elizabeth, S. Africa.
Esau Ferdinand, San Francisco, Calif.; Manuel Flores, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ruby Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jesse Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
Tony Gambone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack Gathoff, Lousiville, Ky.; Russ Gillam, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Godbold, New York; Chuck Goldsby, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cirilo Gomez, Havana, Cuba; Charley Goulark, Cambridge, Mass.; Al Graves, Miami, Fla.; Jesse Gray, Chicago, Ill.; Joey Greco, Jersey City, N. J.; Clyde Green, Orlando, Fla.; Sonny Green, Oakland, Calif.; Joey Grimard, Bath, Me.; Jimmy Grover, McKeesport, Pa.; Jimmy Guy, Detroit, Mich.
John Hairston, Los Angeles, Calif.; James Hall, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Bull Halsey, Portland, Oregon; Doug Harper, Calgary, Canada; Eddie Harris, Bronx, N. Y.; Lacey Harris, Chicago, Ill.; Jack Headon, Edmonton, Canada; Al Heath, Asbury Park, N. J.; Hank Henderson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Smithy Hicks, Portland, Me.; Clarence Hinnant, Washington, D. C.; Cyril (Chick) Hogan, Hamilton, Canada; Art Holliday, Hartford, Conn.; George Holmes, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Holzman, Bayonne, N. J.; Bobby Hughes, Warren, Ohio.
Bob Isler, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bobby Jackson, Cleveland, Ohio; Lester Jackson, New York; Pete Janke, Hollywood, Calif.; Harry Jenkins, San Francisco, Calif.; Maurice Jenkins, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Jewell, Augusta, Ga.; Pedro Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rockjaw Johnson, Vancouver, Canada.
Frank Keating, Meriden, Conn.; Paul Kennedy, Portland, Oregon; Tommy Kequom, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby King, Everett, Mass.; Ricardo King, New York; Rufus Kitchens, Columbus, Ga.; George Knowles, Nassau; Eddie Knowlton, Detroit, Mich.; Harold Kottre, Silverton, Ore.
Jack LaBue, Bronx, N. Y.; Don Lambert, New Haven, Conn.; Ray Langley, Bronx, N. Y.; Hunce Lanier, Washington, D. C.; Johnny LaSane, Paterson, N. J.; Eduardo Lausse, Argentina; Louis Lawrence, Vancouver, Canada; Bob Leadley, Dartmouth, Canada; Billy LeBlanc, New Orleans, La.; Ray Lee, Kansas City, Mo.; Joe Lendowski, Chicago, Ill.; Ray Lewis, Calif.; Al Lind, New York; Archie Logan, Akron, Ohio; Richie Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Louis, Los Angeles, Calif.
John McBride, Bayonne, N. J.; Bill McClendon, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Clarence McKenzie, Allentown, Pa.; Herb McKinney, Saginaw, Mich.; Danny McKinnon, Dingwall, Canada; J. L. McLaughlin, Bessemer, Ala.; Harry McLean, Bathurst, Canada; Mickey McNeil, Apoka, Fla.; John Martin, Modesto, Calif.; Ernie Mazur, Calgary, Canada; Rocky Mazza, Bensonhurst, N. Y.; Rafael Merentino, Argentina; Chester Mieszala, Chicago, Ill.; Rusty Milburn, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Bobby Mitchell, Port Huron, Mich.; John Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.; Al Mobley, Newark, N. J.; Eddie Moniz, Fall River, Mass.; Antonio Monzon, Spain; Allan Moody, Chicago, Ill.; Curtis Moore, Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Morris, Miami, Fla.; Junior Moses, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Lou Neumann, Los Angeles, Calif.; Freddie Newbill, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jimmy Irish Nolan, Calgary, Canada.
Bob O'Hara, Baltimore, Md.
Millard Pack, Baltimore, Md.; Norman Peck, Hartford, Conn.; Ubaldo Pereyra, Argentina; Jessie Perkins, Gary, Ind.; Johnny Popek, Paterson, N. J.; Satchel Porter, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Prince, Miami, Fla.
Bill Reddick, Tampa, Fla.; Tommy Reece, Niagara Falls, Ont., Canada; Bobby Reed, Detroit, Mich.; Jiggs Reed, San Francisco, Calif.; Tony Renteria, Hollywood, Calif.; Jackie Richards, Detroit, Mich.; Neal Rivers, Hollywood, Calif.; Billy Robb, Trenton, N. J.; Joe Rowan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Danny Rubino, Hoboken, N. J.; Lonnie Rylant, Sulphur, La.
Young Kid Satan, Washington, D. C.; Sammy Saunders, Los Angeles, Calif.; Hobby Scribner, Stamford, Conn.; Joe Serafini, Newark, N. J.; Joe Shaw, New York, N. Y.; Eddie Simms, Milwaukee, Wis.; Boyd Smith, San Antonio, Tex.; Jimmy Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Spence, Patterson, N. J.; Mack Stamford, Englewood, N. J.; Willie Stewart, Newark, N. J.; Victor Suarez, Havana, Cuba.
Johnny Tabbs, St. Louis, Mo.; Cassell Tate, Cleveland, Ohio; Art Thayer, Brockton, Mass.; Bill Tisdale, Bridgeport, Conn.; Joe Tomasello, Elizabeth, N. J.
Everett Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Benny Ventura, Los Angeles, Calif.
Sammy Walker, Holyoke, Mass.; Moses Ward, Detroit, Mich.; Althor Warner, Rochester, N. Y.; Jimmy Washington, Philadelphia, Pa.; Honeychile Whipple, Miami, Fla.; Bob White, Detroit, Mich.; Cyclone Williams, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Roy Wouters, Montreal, Canada; Arthur Wright, Detroit, Mich.; Willie Wright, Inkster, Mich.
Don Zimbardo, Elizabeth, N. J.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba

Group 1

1—Bobby Dykes, San Antonio, Texas.
2—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
3—Joe Miceli, New York.
4—Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Chuck Davey, Chicago, Ill.
6—Billy Graham, New York.
7—Johnny Saxton, New York.
8—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Cal.
9—Danny Womber, Chicago, Ill.
10—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.

Group 2

1—Lester Felton, Detroit, Mich.
2—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
3—Phil Kim, Honolulu, T. H.
4—Gerald Dreyer, Johannesburg, S. Africa.
5—Cliff Curvis, Swansea, So. Wales.
6—Hector Constance, Trinidad, B.W.I.
7—Wally Thom, England.

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Class A

Oscar Aceffe, Buenos Aires.

Gabriel Barragan, Mexico; Lou Bartfield, New York; Melvil Bartholomew, New Orleans, La.; Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tommy Bazzano, Middletown, Conn.; Israel Boyle, West Africa; Star Bringuela, P. I.; Rocky Brisbois, Montreal, Canada; Tommy Burns, Australia.

Vic Cardell, Hartford, Conn.; Joey Carkido, Youngstown, Ohio; Johnny Cesario, Hartford, Conn.; Emmanuel (Titi) Clavel, France; El Conscripto, Mexico.

Alf Danahar, England; Vinnie DeCarlo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny DeFazio, Bayonne, N. J.; Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, Fla.; Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.; Kid Dussart, Belgium.

Peter Fallon, England; Gaby Ferland, Montreal, Canada; Chuck Foster, Omaha, Nebr.; Bob Frost, England; Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Charley Fusari, Irvington, N. J.

Roy (Machete) Garcia, Seattle, Wash.; Memo Garmendia, Mexico City; Danny Giovanelli, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Ernie Greer, Oakland, Calif.

Walter Haines, New York; Glen Hendershot, Binghamton, N. Y.

Julio Cesar Jiminez, Mexico City.

Gerald LaBroi, Gary, Ind.; Alfredo LaGrutta, Italy; Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.; Gilbert Lavoine, France; Bobby Lloyd, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Alan McFater, Toronto, Canada; Les McKenzie, S. Africa; Manny Madrid, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tote Martinez, Oakland, Calif.; Vince Martinez, Paterson, N. J.; Nick Moran, Mexico; Larry Mujica, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Pat Patrick, S. Africa; Tony Pellone, New York; Raoul Perez, Havana, Cuba; Oscar Pitta, Argentina; Fitzie Pruden, St. Catherines, Canada.

Terry Rafcliffe, England; Luther Rawlings, Chicago, Ill. Jesse Robles, Mexico City.

Gustave Schulz, Germany; Leo Starosch, Germany; Octavio Suarez, Argentina.

Jimmy Taylor, Miami, Fla.; Bob Terrance, Los Angeles, Calif.

Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn.

Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.

Ralph Zumbano, Brazil.

Class B

Albert Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Bunty Adamson, Ireland; J. B. Adshade, Caledonia, Canada; Alfredo Aguilar, Argentina; A. Alcaraz, Lomas, Argentina; Don Alderson, Cannonsburg, Pa.; Chick Alexander, Philadelphia, Pa.; Reggie Alotti, New York; Roy Alston, Trenton, N. J.; Ralph Alvarez, St. Paul, Minn.; Jay Anderson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frankie Anselm, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jetson Arnold, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Atria, New York; Al Avant, Philadelphia, Pa.

Roy Baird, England; Larry Baker, New York; Roger Baour, France; Joey Barnum, Ocean Park, Calif.; Frankie Basil, Fulton, N. Y.; Valere Benedetto, France; Billy Benson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jed Black, Lansing, Mich.; Charlie Bloss, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Remigio Bollano, Florence, Italy; Ermano Bonetti, Milan, Italy; Alvin Boudreaux, Westwego, La.; Jackie Braddock, England; Don Braun, Baltimore, Md.; Leon Benyan, Chicago, Ill.; Andrew Brown, New Orleans, La.; Phil Burton, St. Louis.

Lou Calloway, Bloomfield, Pa.; Jimmy Carlini, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ralph Cervantes, Rockford, Ill.; Chris Christensen, Copenhagen, Denmark; Tony Cimmino, Bayonne, N. J.; John Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.

Bobby Dalton, Hartford, Conn.; John Darby, Paterson, N. J.; Calvin (Chuck) Davis, Long Island, N. Y.; Harry Deputy, Pottsville, Pa.; Len Dittmar, Australia; Frank Donnelly, Australia; Jimmy Dugan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Duggie Du Preez, S. Africa; Eloi Durelle, Chatham, Canada.

Bobby Evans, Atlanta, Ga.

Matias Fenoy, Mexico City; Carmine Fiore, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Noel Fitzwater, New Zealand; Bruce Foote, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jerry Fraser, Calgary, Canada.

Pete Galleymore, S. Africa; Jesse Gethers, Philadelphia, Pa.; Allie Gronik, Detroit, Mich.; Gene Gunter, Baltimore, Md.

Claude Hammond, North Bergen, N. J.; Clarence Harbin, St. Louis, Mo.; Woody Harper, Oakland, Calif.; Joe Hartdegen, New Orleans, La.; Chief Crazy Horse, Oklahoma.

Vincent Iglesias, Mexico.

Julie Jamieson, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

George Kapeen, Australia; Joey Klein, New York; Mike Koballa, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Billy Lauderdale, Hialeah, Fla.; Pat (Spunky) Lowry, Toledo, Ohio; Harold Lyons, Detroit, Mich.

Pat Manzi, Syracuse, N. Y.; Choforo Martinez, Mexico; Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tommy Matthews, Detroit, Mich.; Hy Meltzer, Miami Beach, Fla.; Miguel Mendivil, Havana, Cuba; Pran Mikus, Australia; Harry Mino, Belgium; Danny Molloy, England; Mario Moreno, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jackie O'Brien, Meriden, Conn.; Luis Ortiz, New York.

Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.; Joel Patrick, St. Louis, Mo.; L. Peyre, Italy.

Teddy Quinn, South Africa.

Al Robbins, New York; Roberto Rodriguez, Mexico City.

Alfie Sands, Australia; Randolph Sandy, New York; Walter Schneider, Belgium; Bud Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; Charley Spicer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Irvin Steen, San Diego, Calif.; Danny Stepanovich, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mario Terry, Mexico; Alan Toweel, Benoni, S. Africa.

Iggy Vaccari, East Boston, Mass.; Luigi Valentini, Italy.

Eddie Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Wilson, Englewood, N. J.; Wilbur Wilson, Boston, Mass.

Class C

James Adamo, Providence, R. I.; Barry Allison, Westover, AFB.; Lorenzo Alonzo, El Paso, Texas; Pedro Alvarez, Mexico City; Ray Anderson, Columbus, Ga.

Joey Bishop, Philadelphia, Pa.; Manuel Bowser, Reading, Pa.; Eugene Books, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Ben Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dalfus Brown, Hawaii; Wesley Brown, Chicago, Ill.

Hito Caballero, Argentina; Willie Caesar, Honolulu, Hawaii; Vincent Cantu, Hollywood, Calif.; Joe Carrano, Providence, R. I.; Leroy Cash, Detroit, Mich.; Mike (Rocky) Casillo, Chicago, Ill.; Manuel Castillo, Hollywood, Calif.; Steve Castoria, New York; Willie Cee, Hartford, Conn.; John Chaney, Birmingham, Ala.; Reggie Chartrand, Montreal, Canada; Angel Chavez, Springfield, Mass.; Ralph Cheek, Hollywood, Calif.; Artie Chorbak, Jamesburg, N. J.; Bob Ciacalone, Miami, Fla.; Steve Cole, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Sandy Coleman, New York; Mike Collucci, Corona, Long Island; Chico Corsay, Chester, Pa.; Paul Corvino, New York; Al (Pinky) Cowan, Spokane, Wash.; Larry Crawley, Westfield, N. J.

Paulie Davis, St. Louis, Mo.; Wendell DeLorme, Toledo, Ohio; Jerry Downey, Edmonton, Canada; Ernie Drummer, Syracuse, N. Y.; Ralph Duran, Los Angeles, Calif.

Roberto Fabiche, Argentina; Rudy Flower, Ranking, Pa.; Willie Floyd, Pensacola, Fla.; Don Frey, Chicago, Ill.; Harry Friedman, Miami Beach, Fla.

Tony Gagliardi, New Haven, Conn.; Jimmy Gagnon, Columbus, Ga.; Bunty Gallant, Rumford, Me.; Henry Garcia, Pensacola, Fla.; Eddie Garland, Flint, Mich.; Don Gill, Valley Stream, N. Y.; Pedro Gonzales, Ranking, Pa.; Jimmy Gossett, Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Billy Griffin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Larry Griffin, Lewiston, Me.; Paul Griffin, East Side, N. Y.; Tony Guina, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Tommy (Kid) Hatcher, Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Hays, Los Angeles, Calif.; Adrian Hefel, Detroit, Mich.; Joey Hennigsen, St. Louis, Mo.; Willard Henry, Kansas City, Mo.; Bobby Hillary, New York; Billy Hood, Orlando, Fla.

Russ Jeffries, Cleveland, Ohio; Ike Jenkins, New York; Ike Johnson, Pottsville, Pa.; Russell Johnson, New Orleans, La.; Rudy Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Young Junior, Springfield, Mass.; Billy Justine, Philadelphia, Pa.; Guy Jutras, Montreal, Canada.

Dick Kerber, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Danny King, Paterson, N. J.; Monroe Kurtz, Weequahic, N. J.

Jack Labbe, Lewiston, Me.; Gene LeBlanc, Fall River, Mass.; Bobby Lee, Danville, Ill.; Billy Lepido, Bronx, N. Y.; Harold Leslie, Canada; Nelson Levering, Macy, Nebr.; Johnny Lissey, New York; Birdie Loffa, Elizabeth, N. J.; Roy Love, Chicago, Ill.; Wes Lowrey, Saginaw, Mich.; Raoul Luengo, New Orleans, La.; Anthony Lund, New Orleans, La.; Don Lupo, Chicago, Ill.

Al (Kid) McCoy, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Jimmy McCoy, Portland, Ore.; Teddy McDade, Eureka, Calif.; Earl McDonald, Regina, Sask. Canada; Al McLennan, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Mack, Augusta, Ga.; Tommy Maddox, Chicago, Ill.; Armando Martinez, Cuba; Donald Mason, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Jimmy Mattos, Lawrence, Mass.; Cleo Miller, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Miller, Stockton, Calif.; Willie Minnefield, Carnegie, Pa.; James Montgomery, Boston, Mass.; Al Moore, Oakland, Calif.; Joe Moore, Hempstead, N. Y.; Lucio Moreno, Mexico City; Al Mouzon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Crawford Mullins, Detroit, Mich.; Alvin Murphy, Trenton, N. J.; Herman Murphy, Pottsville, Pa.; Joe Murphy, Trenton, N. J.; Ted Murray, New York.

Leo Nashatka, Bay City, Mich.; Eddie Nelson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Richie Nogan, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Don Oates, Toronto, Canada; Eddie Oliver, Windsor Locks, Conn.; Che Olivera, Havana, Cuba; Nick Olivera, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Johnny Pape, East Side, N. Y.; Willie Papp, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Noel Paquette, Montreal, Canada; Ralph Pearson, Macon, Ga.; Alvin Pellegrini, New Orleans, La.; Irving Perez, Miami, Fla.; Gordon Perry, Providence, R. I.; Boise Phillips, Hollywood, Calif.; Billy Platt, Rockford, Ill.; Jose Pons, Argentina; Hillery Prader, West Side, N. Y.; Chuck Price, Detroit, Mich.

Al Radulic, Hoboken, N. J.; Charles Ramirez, Chicago, Ill.; Bill Reddish, Tampa, Fla.; Rico Reveron, Denver, Colo.; Oscar Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie (Irish) Reynolds, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tony Rezer, Jersey City, N. J.; Eugene Ricks, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Roger Ringuette, Fall River, Mass.; Sergio Rios, Havana, Cuba; Danny Robinson, Roseland, Ill.

Augie Salazar, Calif.; Charles Sawyer, Hollywood, Calif.; Herbie Schoen, Chicago, Ill.; Des Shanley, Jersey City, N. J.; Calvin Simmons, Detroit, Mich.; Charley Simmons, New York; Dick Sizbette, Warsaw, Idaho; Frank Skidmore, San Fran., Calif.; Don Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Pete Smith, Newark, N. J.; Ronnie Spain, Omaha, Nebr.; Jimmy Sparks, Detroit, Mich.; Ben Spinola, New Bedford, Mass.; Jimmy Squires, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Junior Stevenson, Fair Villa, Fla.; Earl Stockton, Eureka, Calif.; George Story, Amsterdam, Holland; Tommy Swan, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Willie Sydnor, West Side, N. Y.

Danny Taylor, West Side, N. Y.; Johnny Taylor, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tuppy Tyler, Edmonton, Canada; Nat Terranova, Bronx, N. Y.; Charlie Thompson, Boston, Mass.; Ramon Tiscareno, Mexico City; Don Trainor, Dartmouth, N. B., Canada; Benny Travis, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Augustin Vega, Mexico City.

Young Joe Walcott, Wilmington, Del.; Benny Washington, New York; Earl Watkins, Graniteville, S. C.; Billy Whye, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Williams, New York; Floyd Williams, Long Island, N. Y.; Jimmy Williams, Holyoke, Mass.; Ronnie Williams, Newark, N. J.; Phil Williams, Chicago, Ill.; Dennis Woodbury, Del Rio, Tex.; Danny Woods, Saginaw, Mich.; Charley Wright, New York.

Eddie Zacker, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
James Carter, New York

Group 1

1—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
2—Lauro Salas, Mexico.
3—George Araujo, Providence, R. I.
4—Arthur King, Canada.
5—Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
6—Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba.
7—Paddy DeMarco, New York.
8—Frank Johnson, England.
9—Jorgen Johansen, Denmark.
10—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.

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Class A

Masashi Akiyami, Japan; Altonio Alvarez, Florida; Lenny Alvarez, New Orleans, La.; Cliff Anderson, British Guiana; Elis Ask, Finland.

Emil Barao, Hayward, Calif.; Romeu Barbosa, Brazil; Tommy Barnham, England; Pedro Biesca, Mexico; Enrique Bolanos, Pasadena, Calif.; Al Brown, British Guiana; Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.

Johnny Capitano, New Orleans, La.; Arturo Cardenas, Mexico; Rafael Hadad Carrillo, Mexico; Auguste Caulet, France; Kid Centella, Nicaragua; Serge Ceustermans, Rouen, France; Jimmy Champagne, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Alfie Clay, Australia; Carl Coates, Baltimore, Md.; Congo Kid, S. Africa; Johnny Craven,

Tampa, Fla.; Aurelio Cruz, Mexico; Kaled Curi, Brazil.

Henry Davis, Honolulu, Hawaii; Gabriel Diaz, Mexico City; Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, La.; George Dunn, Canada; Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.

Sammy Figueroa, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mickey Flanagan, England; Frank Flannery, Australia; Ernesto Formenti, Italy; Baby Franco, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Jose Galicia, Mexico City; Jose Gatica, Argentina; Ivar (Kid) Germain, Barbados; Santiago Gonzales, San Antonio, Tex.; Joe Gilman, Vallejo, Cal.; Gordon Goodman, England.

Tony Habib, Gemiston, S. Africa; Werner Handtke, Germany; Freddie (Babe) Herman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jacques Herbillon, France.

Chu Chu Jiminez, Belmont, Calif.; Harold Jones, Detroit, Mich.; Al Juergens, Austin, Tex.

Hoacine Khalfi, France.

Jean Labalette, France; Antonio Lamelas, Havana, Cuba; Duilio Loi, Italy; Joe Lucy, England.

Tommy McGovern, England.

Billy Neri, Bridgeport, Conn.

Angel Olivera, Argentina.

Juan Padilla, Mexico City; Frank Parkes, England; Lionel Peralta, Panama; Manuel Pizana, Mexico; Jacques Prigent, France; Alfredo Prada, Argentina; Joseph Preys, Belgium.

Gus Ramos, Cuba; Manuel Rivera, Mexico City; Milton Ross, Manila, P. I.

Jimmy Savala, San Francisco, Calif.; Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada; Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio; Chamroen Songkitrat, Siam.

Mario Trigo, Los Angeles, Calif.

Gianni Uboldi, Italy; Jesse Underwood, Huntington, W. Va.

Class B

Roland Abrams, Philadelphia, Pa.; John A'Costa, New Orleans, La.; Pete Acosta, New Orleans, La.; Bobby Acusta, Hawaii; Sammy Anderson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cisco Andrada, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Arenas, Hollywood, Calif.; Whitey Armstrong, Windsor, Canada; Maxie Atwater, Jersey City, N. J.

Bobby Barnes, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Barnes, Australia; Bud Barrett, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leo Bayard, New Orleans, La.; George Berry, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Biasucci, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Bernard Bibbs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ziggie Biela, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Boice, New York; Don Bowman, Asheville, N. C.; Oliver Breton, Toronto, Canada; Papa Brown, Seattle, Wash.

Eduardo Carrasco, Lima, Peru; Doug Carter, Newark, N. J.; Willie Castillo, Nicaragua; Julio Cesar, San Jose, Costa Rica; Dave Cheatum, New Orleans, La.; Marshall Clayton, New Orleans, La.; Ron Cooper, England; Charlie Cope, San Francisco, Calif.; Johnny Corbett, Australia.

Bobby Dahlstadt, Twin Falls, Idaho; Ernie Davis, Seattle, Wash.; Tony DeMarco, Newark, N. J.; Johnny Digilio, Bayonne, N. J.; Sal DiGuardia, New York; Ferdnand Drouin, Quebec, Canada; Jerry Drouin, Montreal, Canada; Al Duarte, New Bedford, Mass.

George Edmunds, Hartford, Conn.; Chico Escamilla, Mexico City; Raul Esqueda, Mexico City; Santiago Esteban, Los Angeles, Calif.

Joe Felan, Corpus Christi, Texas; Jim Findlay, England; Pat Ford, Australia; Claude Fortin, Montreal, Canada; Melvin Francis, New Orleans, La.; Ray French, Australia; Sammy Frigon, Detroit, Mich.; Giuseppe (Valde) Fusaro, Italy.

Richard Gee, New Orleans, La.; Enrique Gomez, Mexico City; Simon Greb, South Africa; Ray Greenway, Australia; Al Gualteri, Washington, Pa.; Federico Guerra, Argentina.

Hal Halloway, Jerome, Idaho; Homicide Hank, South Africa.

Luis Ibarra, Argentina.

Arthur Kelly, Australia.

Elmer Lakatos, Youngstown, Ohio; Harry LaSane, Houston, Texas; Sonny Luciano, Paterson, N. J.

Rickey McCullough, Ireland; Pat Malane, Union City, Conn.; Acorazado (Battleship) Martinez, Havana, Cuba; Francisco Meneses, Argentina; Elmo Miller, Chicago, Ill.; Rocky Montano, Manila, P. Is.; Jack Moore, Seattle, Wash.; Phil Morizio, Yorkville, N. Y.

Bernard Neal, South Africa.

Casanova Pacheco, Mexico; Danny Jo Perez, West Side, N. Y.; Arthur Persley, Red Cross, La.; Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.

Lewelyn Richardson, B. West Indies; A. Rizzo, Argentina; Evan Roy, Old Town, Me.

Roberto dos Santos, Brazil; Hans Seligno, Brazil; Abelardo Sire, Chilean; Charley Slaughter, Newark, N. J.; Marvin Smith, Wichita, Kansas.

Norman Tiger Snyder, Eureka, Calif.; Tony Spano, Chicago, Ill.

Gene Takach, Trenton, N. J.; Owen Trainor, England; Jimmy Towell, Benoni, S. Africa.

Fanie Van Graan, South Africa,; Joey Velez, Seattle, Wash.

Archie Whitewater, Oakland, Calif.; Lou Williams, Kansas City, Mo.; Henry Winchman, East Side, N. Y.; Norman Webb, Detroit, Mich.

Class C

Jimmy Aaronson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Akino, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Andrews, Chicago, Ill.; Augustin Argote, Spain.

Bobby Barclay, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; Frankie Betts, Auburn, N. Y.; Chick Boucher, Manchester, N. H.; Bobby Brooks, Worcester, Mass.; Puggy Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rocky Caballero, Austin, Texas; Bobby Carew, Des Moines, Iowa; Gene Carpentier, Newark, N. J.; Babe Carreon, Hollywood, Calif.; Jimmy Carter, San Antonia, Texas; Earl Clemons, Baltimore, Md.; George Collins, Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y.; Carmelo Costa, New York; Roosevelt Coward, Philadephia, Pa.; Jimmy Crow, Idaho; Richie Crump, New York; Tello Cruz, Mexico; Ike Cyrus, New Orleans, La.

Richie DeCerio, Norristown, Pa.; Bobby DeFour, Montreal, Canada; Benny DeLorenzo, Halifax, Canada; Bert DeWitt, Paterson, N. J.; Charlie Diggs, Baltimore, Md.; Abel Donnell, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Tommy Edwards, Sacramento, Calif.; Bill Elliott, Eureka, Calif.

Nicholas Flores, Mexico; Tommy Flores, Stockton, Calif.; Tony Forte, Pelham Manor, N. Y.; Billy Francis, Baltimore, Md.

Burnie Gaeta, Trenton, N. J.; Al Galindo, Hollywood, Calif.; Joey Gambino, Levittown, N. Y.; Manuel Garcia, San Diego, Calif.; Bobby Garza, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Aime Gauthier, Montreal, Canada; Benny Geary, Edmonton, Canada; Johnny Gentile, Philadelphia, Pa.

Don Glenn, Austin, Texas; Joe Greenwood, Akron, Ohio; John Guebara, Corpus Christi, Texas; Aladino Gusman, Honolulu, Hawaii; Pete Gutirrez, Austin, Texas.

Jimmy Hackney, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Haigy, Canonsburg, Pa.; Clay Haley, New Orleans, La.; Frank Hardeman, Atlanta, Ga.; Ed Harrison, New Orleans, La.; Stan Hartman, Lima, Ohio.

Fred Hass, Pensacola, Fla.; Jackie Hayden, Charlottetown, Canada; Walter Haywood, Indianapolis, Ind.; Billy Hazel, New York; Bob Henry, Chicago, Ill.; Ozzie Henry, Charleston, W. Va.; Jesse Hernandez, Corpus Christi, Texas.; Ace Hestekind, New Orleans, La.; Marvin Hickman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Hilliard, Chicago, Ill.; Kenney Hohner, London, Canada; Joe Humphries, Daytona Beach., Fla.; Otis Hutch, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mike Ines, Honolulu, Hawaii; Frankie Ippolito, Bronx, N. Y.; Bill Irlanda, Pensacola, Fla.; Charles Ishimini, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nathaniel Jackson, New Orleans, La.; Eddie James, Bronx, N. Y.; Eddie Johnson, Newark, N. J.; George Justine, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bryan Kelly, Niagara Falls, Canada; Doug Kirby, Oakland, Calif.

Carl Ladson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bobby Lawrence, Bronx, N. Y.; Ray Lible, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Isaac Logard, Cuba; Armando Lopex, Havana, Cuba; Baby Joe Louis, Tampa, Fla.; Bud Lund, Charlottetown, Canada; Dick Lundy, Biddeford, Me.; Aberdeen Lynch, St. Louis, Mo.

Joe McCausland, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Magdaleno, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Maglieri, Hartford, Conn.; Joe Maldonado, Los Angeles, Calif.; Leo Martinez, San Francisco, Calif.; Lou Martino, Jersey City, N. J.; Babe Mathis, Tucson, Ariz.; Bob Mattison, Los Angeles, Calif.; Teddy Maubar, Rizal, P. I.; Al Maye, West Side, N. Y.; Doug Medley, Louisville, Ky., Benny Meeks, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Mendoza, Chicago, Ill.; Fredie Messina, Paterson, N. J.; Artie Meyers, Camden, N. J.; Billy Miller, Rankin, Pa.; Ceferino Montero, Mexico City; Jose Morell, Puerto Rico; Madison Morgan, Chicago, Ill.; Tommy Morgano, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George (Curly) Munroe, Worcester, Mass.; Vince Murray, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Major Myles, Huntington, W. Va.

Johnny Navarro, New Orleans, La.; Larry Nicholson, Tacoma, Wash.; Jose Nicolosi, Argentina.

Barry O'Neil, Hollywood, Calif.; Ovidio Ochoa, Havana, Cuba.

Salty Parker, Baltimore, Md.; James Perry, Honolulu, Hawaii; Joe Pierre, Bronx, N. Y.; Harry Poulton, St. John, Canada; Ray Powell, Aliquippa, Pa.; Mike Prosper,Puerto Rico.

Jim Redding, Cincinnati, Ohio; Felix Redundo, Bayonne, N. J.; Tommy Reed, Trenton, N. J.; Johnny Richards, Los Angeles, Calif.; Polvorita Ricilo, Brazil; Bob Ritter, Cleveland, Ohio; Gus Robinson, Stamford, Conn.; Rene Roman, New York; Bobby Romo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Teddy Rosado, West Side, N. Y.; Babe Ruelas, Mexico City.

Dennis Saint, New York; Willie Salas, East Side, N. Y.; Esmerido Salazar, Cuban; Raul Sanchez, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Henry Santiago, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mario Santos, Havana, Cuba; Milton Scott, Gary, Ind.; Roger Seclare, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Felton (Tippy) Simmons, Bayside, N. Y.; Burt Singer, Tucson, Ariz.; Bob Singleton, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Stan Slage, Camden, N. J.; Moe Smith, Weiser, Idaho; Carl Stafford, Chicago, Ill.; Ray St. Amour, Windsor, Ont. Canada; Bobby Stewar, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Jackie Stewart, Newark, N. J.; Edgar Stover, East Side, N. Y.; Ronnie Stribling, Des Moines, Iowa; Gerald Sweet, Daytona, Fla.

Pete Taylor, Pensacola, Fla.; Joe Torres, Los Angeles, Calif.

Benny Uhl, Montreal, Canada.

Lamoine, Vance, Quinlan, Texas; Blackie Vanderveer, Aberdeen, Wash.; Nazzarino Vitale, New Haven.

Richard Watkins, Homeville, Pa.; Bobby Weaver, Hartford, Conn.; Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, R. I.; Sammy Wesley, Miami Beach, Fla.; Ike White, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Wilde, New York; Ernie Williams, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Ramon Young, San Francisco, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York
(In U. S. Army)

Group 1

1—Ray Famechon, France.
2—Tommy Collins, Boston, Mass.
3—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
4—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Luis Romero, Spain.
6—Ted (Red Top) Davis, Hartford, Conn.
7—Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
8—Gene Smith, Washington, D. C.
9—Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
10—Fabela Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Puppy Garcia, Havana, Cuba.

Group 2

1—Roy Ankarah, Gold Coast, W. Africa.
2—Ronnie Clayton, England.
3—Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Ciro Morasen, Havana, Cuba.
5—Eddie Compo, New Haven, Conn.
6—Ray Grassi, France.
7—Baby Ortiz, Mexico.

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Class A

Luis Adame, Mexico; Jesus Aguerri, Spain; Rafael Amaya, Argentina.

Buddy Baggett, Dallas, Texas; Tommy Baker, Chicago, Ill.; Jacques Bataille, France.

Elley Bennett, Australia; Miguel Rosa Berrios, Puerto Rico; Jackie Blair, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bill Black, Panama; Jock Bonas, England; Francis Bonnardel, France; Bill Bossio, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Freddie Bravo, Hollywood, Calif.; Bobby Brits, South Africa; Henry Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jose Bruno, Argentina; Henry Bruyns, South Africa; Kid Bussey, Nigeria; John Butterworth, England.

Louis Cabo, France; Speedy Canabela, P. I.; Joey Cam, Boston, Mass.; Herbert Carillo, Mexico; Thomas Castillo, Mexico; Alvaro Cerasine, Italy; Benny (Kid) Chocolate, West Africa; Roy Coleman, Australia; Jimmy Cooper, Washington, D. C.; Beto Couary, Mexico; Al Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.

Harold Dade, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dai Davies, Wales; Charlie DeBow, Springfield, Mass.

Orlando (Babe) Echevarria, Havana, Cuba; Bonnie Espinosa, P. I.

Emilio Figueroa, Cuba; Maurice Forni, France; Nicoli Funari, Italy; Ray French, Australia.

Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.; Jackie Graves, Minneapolis, Minn.; Baby Face Gutierrez, San Diego, Calif.

Cachorro Raul Herrera, Mexico; Noel Humphreys, Huntington, W. Va.

Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, Ohio; Kid Independence, Manila, P.I.

Herky Kaminsky, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Freddie King, England.

Enrique Lamelas, Cuba; Leo LeBrun, Canada; Ludwig Lightburn, Belixi, Br. Honduras; Billy Lima, Havana, Cuba; Tony Lombard, S. Africa.

Sammy McCarthy, England; Jean Machterlinck, Belgium; Pat Marcune, Coney Island, N. Y.; Kid Misamis, P. I.; Pepe Montes, Mexico City.

Teddy Peckham, England; Federico Plummer, Panama; Artidoro Polidori, Italy; Berman Pugh, England.

Milton Ross, Manila, P. I.

Tommy Salem, Cleveland, Ohio; Jorges Sanchez, Havana, Cuba; Papelero Sanchez, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Luis deSantiago, Spain; Stan Skinkiss, England; Frankie Sodano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Diego Sosa, Havana, Cuba; George Stewart, Scotland.

Alby Tissong, W. Africa; Jackie Turpin, England.

Memo Valero, Mexico City; Velter Valentine, Brazil; Babe Vasquez, Mexico.

Bobby Why, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Bluey

Wilkens, Australia; Bobby Woods, Spokane, Wash.
Ricardo Zumbardo, Brazil.

Class B

Zeke Adams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pete Aguirre, Los Angeles, Calif.; Willie Alexander, Chester, Pa.; Lazaro Alfonso, Cuba; Frank Almond, Vancouver, Canada; Tony Amabile, New York; Ramon Anglero, New York; Lorenzo Arana, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lawrence Armistead, New Orleans, La.; Ray Axt, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Fidel Balderas, Los Angeles, Calif.; Manuel Baptista, New Bedford, Mass.; Nello Barbadoro, Italy; Little Beau, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Beltrante, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Beltrante, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Bennett, Chester, Pa.; Sonny Bishop, Trenton, N. J.; Doc Blanchard, Cambridge, Mass.; Lee Bohles, Cleveland, Ohio; Joe Boland, San Antonio, Tex.; Clement Bolduc, Sherbrooke, Canada; Willie Boyd, Spokane, Wash.; Roger Bruneau, France.
Juan Luis Campos, Hollywood, Calif.; Manny Castro, New York; Anibal Companhoni, Brazil; Jesus Compos, New York.
Arthur Davis, Boston, Mass.; Billy Davis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kenny Davis, Clarendon, Texas; Denny Dawson, England; Cal Douglas, Australia.
Benny Escobar, P. I.; Billy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
Alex Fimbres, Phoenix, Ariz.; Tony Franco, New York.
Dommy Gaviola, Davao City, J. Gozza, Argentina; P. I.; Bookie Grobler, South Africa.
Jim Kenny, Scotland; Trevor King, Australia; Jerry Kortright, New York.
Ken Lawrence, England.
Don McTaggert, Scotland; Chico Martinez, Mexico; Tommy Miller, England; Johnny Molloy, England.
Star Naven, Manila, P. I.; Don Nelson, Hartford, Conn.
Emilio Orozco, Spain.
Manuel Perdomo, Havana, Cuba; Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Raul (Chili Bean) Prado, Detroit, Mich.
Hector Savino, Argentina; Fernando Silva, Cuba; Reuben Smith, Los Angeles, Cal., Aoon Surijantong, Siam.
Sigi Tennebaum, Switzerland; Al Tisi, New York; Charlie Tucker, England.
Tito Valles, New York; Ron Varcol, Australia.
Billy Wagner, Greenfield, Pa.; Des Williams, S. Africa.

Class C

George Abarco, Chile; Baby Alcapone, Rizal, P. I.; Leo Alonzo, Rizal, P. I.; Tony Alvarez, Seattle, Wash.; Victor Ardines, Panama.
Andy Bishop, Fall River, Mass.; Isidro Boy, Manila, P. I.; Walter Brown, Baltimore, Md.
Armando Carmona, San Diego, Calif.; Johnny Carr, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ramon Carrillo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dick Cassady, Highland Pk., Mich.; Johnny Chorbak, Jamesburg, N. J.; Garfield Cisneros, Denver, Colo.; Bob Courchesne, Chicopee, Mass.; Eddie Crawford, Akron, Ohio.
Tiger Destura, Legaspi City, P. I.; Jimmy Dunn, Hollywood, Calif.
Tanny Ebanada, Philippine.
Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Chicago, Ill.; Freddie Flores, New Orleans, La.
Norman Gadson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Gallagher, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Gamby, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lorenzo Garcia, Austin, Texas; Billy Gardner, Greenwich Village, N. Y.; Bobby Garza, San Antonio, Tex.; Stony Gaudette, Nassau, Bahamas; Gerard Gauthier, Montreal, Canada; Kid Godoy, Columbia; Harold Gomes, Providence, R. I.; Joe Green, New Orleans, La.; Eddie Griffin, Elizabeth, N. J.; Jimmy Grow, Lewiston, Utah.
Jimmy Hairston, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rick Hayes, Charlotte, N. C.; Earl Hilton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rufus Holliday, Madison, Ohio; Dick (Kid) Howard, Halifax, Canada.
Jimmy Ithia, New York.
Cortez Jackson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ovillardo Jaramillo, San Antonio, Texas; Clever John, Guagua, P. I.
Danny Kid, Davao City, P. I.
Rafael LaBoy, New York; Emile LaMarche, Montreal, Canada; Ed Lewitzki, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Joe Lopez, Tucson, Ariz.; Johnny Loretto, Newark, N. J.; Jackie Luke, Jacksonville, Fla., Benny Luna, Mexico City.
Francis McCrink, Miami Beach, Fla.; Pat McGee, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jerry McGuigan, Cambridge, Mass.; Manuel Maldonado, Walsenburg, Colo.; Tommy Manois, Denver, Colo.; Young Mariano, Rizal, P. I.; Baby Martinez, P. I.; Pat Matina, Springfield, Mass.; Masurati Matos, New York; Strong Maya, Rizal, P. I.; Juan Melendez, Puerto Rico; Frank Meredith, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Phil Molea, Boston, Mass.; Jesse Mongia, Denver, Colo.; Kayo Morgan, Detroit, Mich.; Bobby Muller, Newark, N. J.
Peck Norris, Pensacola, Fla.; Mickey Northrup, Hollywood, Calif.
Willie Orsini, New York; Filberto Osario, Puerto Rico.
Johnny Pacheco, Albuquerque, N. M.; Joey Paniagua, Bronx, N. Y.; Jack Patton, Chester, Pa.; Sergio Penalver, Havana, Cuba; Alfonso Perkinson, Panama; Edgar Perkins, New York; Willie Price, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Jimmy Quinn, Hollywood, Calif.
Johnny Ramos, Bronx, N. Y.; Braxton Reed, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pepe Ridgeway, Miami Beach, Fla.; Frankie Rivera, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Roberts, Kansas City, Mo.; Nelson Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba; Dave Rollins, Detroit, Mich.; Armando Rosa, Puerto Rico.
Young Saint, Springfield, Mass.; Ernesto Sanchez, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Joey Sandoval, Hollywood, Calif.; Effie Santiago, Puerto Rico; Frankie Savoie, New Orleans, La.; George Sinclair, Winnipeg, Canada; Harry Smith, East Side, N. Y.; Mike Spataro, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frankie Speed, Jackson, Miss.; Johnny Strong, Miami Beach, Fla.
Dakota Terror, Aruba; Pedro Tesis, Panama; Tommy Tibbs, Columbus, Ohio; Mike Tocci, Jersey City, N. J.
Tony Vazquez, Tampico, Mexico; Hector Vento, Havana, Cuba.
Mike Ward, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ike Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
Jimmy Carruthers, Australia

Group 1

1—Vic Toweel, Benoni, S. Africa.
2—Maurice Sandeyron, France.
3—Jean Sneyers, Belgium.
4—Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartansburg, S. C.
5—Robert Cohen, France.
6—Gianni Zuddas, Italy.
7—Gaetano Annaloro, Italy.
8—Peter Keenan, Scotland.
9—Frankie Williams, England.
10—Eddie Ojeda, Mexico.

Group 2

1—Andre Valignat, France.
2—Luis Galvani, Havana, Cuba.
3—Fernando Gagnon, Canada.
4—Rudy Langer, Germany.
5—Black Pico, Havana, Cuba.
6—Alvaro Nuvoloni, Italy.
7—George Mousse, France.

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Class A

Stan Almond, Vancouver, Canada; Kid Anahuac, Mexico.
Larry Bataan, P. I.; Dante Bini, France; Lino Botello, Mexico; Tannery Boy, P. I.; Tenejero Boy, Rizal, P. I.; Mario Buneta, Argentine.
Gil Cadilli, Los Angeles, Calif.; Kid Campeche, Mexico; Eddie Carson, Scotland; Luis Castillo, Mexico; Emile Chemama, France; Augusta Cezar Claro, Brazil.
Emilio De La Rosa, Mexico City; Chebo De La Torre, Mexico City; Little Dundee, Manila, P. I.
Flash Elorde, P. I.; Calistro Etter, Switzerland.
Jackie Fairclough, England; Amleto Falcinelli, Italy.
Lucil Gonzales, Durango, Mexico.
Jimmy Green, England.
Harry Hatcher, Australia; Roy Higa, Hawaii; Hiroshi Horiguchi, Japan.
John Kelly, Ireland.
Theo Medina, France.
Fili Nava, Mexico City.
Johnny O'Brien, Boston.
Tommy Proffitt, England.
Aurelio Rivero, Mexico City.
Genaro Serafin, Mexico City.
Oscar Torres, Hollywood, Cal.
Tommy Umeda, Honolulu, T. H.
Asvaldo Vargas, Argentine; Oscar Vilches, Argentine; Pancho Villa, S. Africa.

Class B

Baby Alexander, P. I.; Herby Andre, S. Africa; Little Armstrong, P. I.
Young Bacalla, Rizal, P. I.; Johnny Barclay, England; Bill Bevil, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tony Bonomolo, New Orleans, La.
Santiago Campos, Mexico; Orlando Castillo, Havana, Cuba.
Bunty Doran, Ireland.
Leo Espinosa, Manila, P. I.
Gene Garcia, Davao City, P. I.; Sammy Garcia, Richmond, Calif.
Tommy Icke, England.
Sapito Jiminez Torreon, Mexico.
Ron Johnson, England.
Jorge Manjarrez, Mexico City.
Yogi O'Bera, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mickey O'Sullivan, England.
Trini Ruiz, Mexico.
Ric Sanchez, Rizal, P. I.; Sebastino Santos, Brazil.
Luis Villa, Mexico City.
Jan Van Zyl, S. Africa.

Class C

Deone Alforque, Rizal, P. I.
Don Badilla, San Francisco, Calif.
Delfin Castueras, Manila, P. I.; Young Cobra, P. I.; Luis Coter, Hollywood, Calif.; Jose Cotero, Los Angeles, Calif.
Dan Duran, Los Angeles, Calif.
Carrol Genshaw, Eureka, Calif.
Pulga Herrera, Mexico; Celso Hidalgo, Mexico City; Al Hostin, Panama.
Beau Jack II, Panama; Ken James, Australia; Leroy (Casey) Jones, San Francisco, Calif.
Joe Lucas, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Pat (Irish) McCarthy, Hollywood, Calif.; Baby Moe Mario, San Francisco, Calif.; Ernie Martinez, Denver, Colo.; Claude Meunier, Three Rivers, Canada; Earl Miles, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Art Mullin, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jackie O'Grady, New York.
Bill Peacock, Philadelphia, Pa.
Hugh Riley, Scotland.
Ernest Sylva, Hawaii.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112)

World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan.

Group 1

1—Jake Tuli, Gold Coast, W. Africa.
2—Dado Marino, Honolulu.
3—Terry Allen, England.
4—Joe Cairney, Scotland.
5—Vic Herman, Scotland.
6—Teddy Gardner, England.
7—Jimmy Pearce, England.
8—Taffy Hancock, Australia.
9—Young Martin, Spain.
10—Tanny Campo, Manila, P. I.
11—Louis Skena, France.
12—Nazzarino Giannelli, Italy.
13—Charley Bohbot, Morocco.
14—Otello Bellardinelli, Italy.

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Class A

Angeles Alberto, P. I.; Larry Angeles, Davao City, P. I.
Angel Barenglin, Argentine; Reytranco Boy, Pateros, P. I.; Willie Brown, Cebu, P. I.; Little Brown, Manila, P. I.; Jackie Burke, Australia.
Henry Carpenter, England; Bernard Celestini, France; Tiny Corbett, South Africa; Rene Cruz, Manila, P. I.
Little Dundee, P. I.
Firpito Gaytan, Durango, Mexico.
Angel Iglesias, Mexico City.
Ken James, Australia.
Ardillo Lopez, Durango, Mexico.
Eric Marsden, England.
Frankie Natividad, P. I.
Pascual Perez, Argentine; Kalla Persson, S. Africa.
Marcel Quiroga, Argentine.
Roberto Santos, Brazil.
Marcus Temple, Durban.

Class B

Jimmy Abeyte, Oakland, Calif.; Martin Alfonso, Havana, Cuba; Billy Alquizar, Davao City, P. I.; Herby Andre, S. Africa; Ennoi Aroldi, Italy; Kid Arab, Jr., P. I.; Little Arab, P. I.
Johnny Black, England; Jimmy Boy, Jr., Rizal, P. I.; Puyas Boy Bacaloe, P. I.; Newsboy (Baby) Brown, P. I.
Velter Caldas, Brazil; Little Campo, Manila, P. I.
Bob DeGuzman, Davao City, P. I.; Emile Delplanque, Belgium.
Armando Diaz, Cuba.
Cec Emmons, Australia.
Enrique Fernandez, Havana.
Jackie Foster, Ireland.
Johnny Gleason, Australia; Ali Graichi, French Morocco.
Alan Landers, Australia; Oliver Lewis, Australia; Bobby Lucas, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Jimmy Quinn, Scotland.
Roy Meek, Australia.
Jeff Oscroft, England.
Dommy Reyes, Manila, P. I.
Johnny Summers, Scotland.
Jimmy Thomson, Scotland.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

WE'RE a bit curious to know how much longer boxing, as a major attraction in the American sports scene, will be able to take the sort of beating television has been tossing into it.

With another weekly series of nationally-TV'd fight programs starting shortly, just how and from where is the talent supposed to emanate?

The demand has already exceeded the supply to an alarming extent. There are hardly enough fighters of even ordinary ability now to fill the Wednesday (CBS) and Friday (NBC) dates of the International Boxing Club, not to mention the lesser circuit of the Monday (Dumont) cards going out of Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway.

How Ray Arcel and his "Famous Sports Enterprises, Inc." hope to function with the same limited, and dwindling, supply on their new Saturday (ABC) schedule is something we wouldn't know how to answer.

Hundred of once-fertile "incubators" of ring talent, the smaller clubs of the nation, have been ruthlessly put out of business these last few years by the expanding coverage of so-called big-time fights on national television.

Unlike baseball, the "major league" operators in boxing are doing nothing to encourage "minor league" developing farms. In their greedy scrambling for paydays now, their attitude seems to be: "Let's grab what we can while we can, and let the future take care of itself."

The ironical feature is that many of them aren't getting what they could get if they used a little intelligence in their dealings with television. From the standpoint of a main-bout fighter's payoff, the TV revenue doesn't begin to make up for the sagging box-office receipts in the major arenas.

If you're inclined to wonder why a sensational attraction like Tommy Collins hasn't been seen on your video screen, it's because he does a heap better for himself fighting on non-TV cards in the old home town of Boston. In his most recent start, with Lauro Salas as his opponent, Tommy played to a sellout crowd in the Boston Garden—and drew down $12,000 for his end. That just about doubles the best purse anybody has been able to grab this season for featuring televised fights from Madison Square Garden, the Chicago Stadium or the Detroit Olympia.

What price television glory?

CHARLEY RODEN, one-time ranking bantam, who died recently at 78 in his native Jersey City, was a tough 'un to discourage during his fighting career. Such things as broken bones didn't bother him. In fact, they became a regular and accepted part of his ring routine. At least twice his jaw was fractured; several times his nose was cracked, and there's no saying how often he wrecked his hands. But they didn't make 'em any gamer than the chunky little Skeeter, and "quit" was one word that definitely had no place in his vocabulary.

Some years ago we asked Billy Roche, one of boxing's all-time refereeing greats, whom he considered the most courageous fighter he'd ever seen. Billy tabbed Roden.

Roche was thinking of the night Charley tangled with Harry Harris in the semi-final to the Jim Corbett-Tom Sharkey affair at the old Lenox Club. Harris, rangy Chicagoan, destined to become world champion, fractured Roden's jaw in the second round, but Charley refused to stop. Round after round, the taller, sharpshooting Harris blasted away at Roden's damaged chin, but Charley fought back doggedly until he was floored in the ninth. Even then, he wouldn't concede defeat, and protested bitterly when the referee called a halt.

Another night, in Long Island City, Charley cracked his left wrist when he hooked Dick Nolan in the first round. In agony when he returned to his corner, Charley was advised to stop. He became indignant. "I've still got my right," he said—and rushed out in the next round to flatten Nolan with it.

As a last-minute substitute, Roden went in with Terry McGovern for six rounds at the New Polo A. C.—and wrecked his right fist with the first punch he threw at the Terrible One. Charley absorbed a vicious beating from McGovern, but he was still in there, pegging away with his left, when the final bell rang.

Hanging up his gloves in 1900, Roden remained active in boxing by working in various capacities for several New York clubs. For a while he was assistant matchmaker at Bill Brown's gym at 6th Avenue and 23rd Street, and later became referee there. Interested in amateurs as well as professionals, he was appointed an official of the Amateur Athletic Union in 1916. Two years later, when the Hurley Law legalized boxing in his native New Jersey, Roden was the first referee licensed in the State.

In recent years, until age and failing health finally put a curb to his industrious career, Roden had been a conspicuous figure in a "Build Better Boys" campaign fostered by Frank Hague, then mayor of Jersey City and the Democratic "boss" of the State, to encourage athletic activities in the younger generations.

A grand old guy, Charley Roden, and one who contributed much to boxing lore.

HISTORY DEPT. . . . John R. Steinfeldt, of Long Island City, writes: "In your New York column last month, you said the Ridgewood Grove had been operating as a fight center for 32 years, but I read in the Long Island City *Star-Journal* that the club recently celebrated its 26th anniversary. Who is right?"

Both. The present building was opened late in 1926, but it was a larger and more modern development of the original club, which started functioning as a punch foundry six years before.

The first club was a converted dance pavilian in the Ridgewood Grove, a picnic grounds in Central Avenue. Shortly after the Walker Law restored boxing to New York in 1920, Andy Neidereitter and a few associates leased the place and began promoting there. The club clicked from the start, and proved a steady money-maker for all concerned.

After going week in and week out for nearly five years, Neidereitter felt in the need of a vacation, and he closed down for a few months during the summer of 1925. When he returned, he learned that another clique had bought the place and moved in, with Clarence Gillespie as matchmaker.

The consistent success of the club prompted the new owners to erect the present building, a year later, in St. Nicholas Avenue, a few blocks from the old site.

Through the years, the Grove has had quite an array of matchmakers. We cannot recall them all, but in the crowd have been Jack Clifford, Jack Hurley, Johnny Attell and Moe Fleischer, as well as the current booking agent, George Sheppard.

HARDLY had Nick Kline announced his retirement from public life, after a long, active career in Newark's sporting circles, than one of Nick's partners in the celebrated "Four Horsemen" combination had the final count droned over him. It was J. Frank Black, who at 84, died in his home in Maplewood, N. J.

An interesting character, Black. He had no athletic background and hardly knew one fighter from another when he chipped in with Kline, Dave Mackey and Harry Blaufuss and began promoting big-time fights in Newark when there was no boxing in New York and the Hurley Law legalized the sport in New Jersey in 1918.

Black was a successful liquor salesman at the time—though he didn't use the stuff himself. He had become a familiar figure around Newark with his fastidious dress, inevitable brown derby, and Rolls-Royce automobile in which he made his business calls.

Though he admitted, frankly, that he knew nothing of boxing, Frank was a shrewd business man, and considered it a good "investment" to become identified with major fight promotions.

Black and his partners did a thriving business for several years, operating mainly in the Newark Armory, and even after boxing returned to New York with the Walker Law in 1920, they continued to do well for themselves. Mackey dropped out of the combine, but was replaced by Babe Culnan, and the quartet became known as the "Four Horsemen."

Of the crowd, only Culnan has remained active in boxing. Mackey and Blaufuss long since retired to less exciting pursuits. Dave sold his popular "Long Bar" near Newark's bustling Four Corners several years ago, and has been living quietly somewhere along the Jersey coast, and Harry, still around Newark, has done well as a liquor salesman. Failing health recently prompted Kline to dispose of his tavern in Beaver Street, and now Black has gone. Culnan, teamed with Willie Gilzenberg, has continued to promote boxing, as well as wrestling, in Newark, with Laurel Garden as their indoor base of operations and Meadowbrook Bowl for their outdoor shows.

THE month's results:

In continuing along his unbeaten way, Danny Jo Perez, 139, West Side, had to hustle to stay in front of aggressive Johnny Digilio, 137, Bayonne, in a busy eight at Sunnyside Garden. Perez had too much stuff or his willing but crude opponent, and piled up points with effective left hooks and right uppercuts as Digilio bustled into him. The Bayonne youngster refused to become discouraged, however, and was still swinging away industriously at the final bell. The decision gave Perez his 11th straight win in professional competition.

Another up-and-coming youngster, Carmelo Costa, 130, Brooklyn, also added to his winning list by beating Tommy Reed, 131, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. The only knockout on the card was registered in a second scheduled six, when Mike Tocci, 124¾, Jersey City, stopped Sonny Bishop, 121½, Trenton, at :39 of the second. In a trio of fours, Johnny Taylor, 142½, Brooklyn, outpointed Emerson Butcher, 143½, Rock Island, Ill.; Gene Washington, 159½, Jersey City, whipped Bob Provizzi, 159, Corona, and Gene Brixen, 184¾, Sands Point, Ida., outpunched Claude Rolfe, 183, Tampa, Fla.

With big advantages in height and reach as well as weight, lanky Dan Bucceroni, 185, Philadelphia, pounded out a decision over chunky Danny Nardico, 175¼, Tampa, in a gruelling ten in Madison Square Garden. Instead of keeping the action at long range, where his longer reach and sharper punching figured to give him a decisive margin, Bucceroni elected to fight at close quarters and beat Nardico at his own slugging game. It was a bruising brawl all the way, with Bucceroni accenting his victory by dropping Nardico for eight with a lusty right in the closing round.

The semi-final eight ended at 2:37 of the sixth, with Lulu Perez, 127½, brilliant young Brooklynite, stopping Bill Bossio, 125¼,, Pittsburgh. In sixes, Jose Morell, 137, Puerto Rico, outfought Henny Winchman, 138½, East Side, and Richie James, 166½, Philadelphia, won from Mack Stanford, 164, Eaglewood, N. J. In fours, Jack Labua, 160½, Bronx, whipped Bobby Bell, 162½, Newark; Des Shannon, 136½, Jersey City, hustled out a decision over Nat Terranova, 138½, Bronx, and Gil Edwards, 164½, Brooklyn, flattened Lonnie Curti, 168, West Side, at 1:26 of the fourth. Attendance 4,784; gross gate $15,931.

Despite miserable rainy weather, and a substitute in the main event, the inaugural card of the Ridgewood Grove's non-TV season drew a surprisingly good turnout of 2,500 customers, who seemed well satisfied with what they saw. The windup, billed for eight, was over in less than two minutes, but it was exciting while it lasted. Short-notice replacement Harry Deputy, 140¼, Pottsville, Pa., came out winging at the opening bell, and Danny Giovanelli, 139½, Brooklyn, had some rough moments before he connected with a vicious right that flattened the rambunctious visitor at 1:55.

The semi-final six also was over in a hurry. Lusty-punching Tony Esperito, 190½, Brooklyn, polished off Lee Baldwin, 175¾, Freeport, at 2:37 of the first. The supporting bouts all went their scheduled distances. In a six, Joey Gambino, 127¾, Levittown, was a bit too shifty for aggressive Zeke Adams, 130½, Philadelphia. In fours, Abdou Ali, 141, Arabia, won from Johnny Cormack, 137¾, Long Island City, and Rocky Mazza, 160½, Brooklyn, punched too hard and often for a borough rival, Ray Weatherspoon, 163.

In posting his third successive win at Eastern Parkway, Rocky Castellani, 155½, Luzerne, Pa., accounted for the sloppiest exhibition he has yet turned in hereabouts. There probably weren't a half-dozen solid punches landed in the entire ten rounds with Vic Cardell, 153, Hartford. Most of the time was spent in posing at long range and pulling and hauling in clinches. Castellani flashed just often enough to make certain of the decision. An ironical feature of the affair was that, despite the lack of real fighting, both boys came out of the ring with their faces well damaged, mainly from their mauling tactics. Castellani, the winner, suffered the worse damage, with cuts on the left eyebrow, left cheek and left eyelid. Cardell had gashes above his right eye and on his right cheek.

Irwin Schultz, 162½, West Side, whipped Horace Bailey, 159, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Another six ended at 2:48 of the third, Abe Hilliard, West Side, halting Al McLennan, 147, Hartford. In fours, Sonny Williams, 168, East Side, stopped Herbie White, 160, Philadelphia, at 2:20 of the first; Bob Provizzi, 161, Corona, outfought Don Zimbardo, 161½, Union, N. J., and Harry Garifola, 166½, Newark, decisioned Norman Baron, 161½, Brooklyn.

Outmaneuvered for five rounds, Carmine Fiore, 148, Brooklyn, finally got his ponderous left hook working in the sixth and it paid off early in the seventh when he was credited with a knockout over Jackie O'Brien, 146, Meriden, Conn., at Sunnyside Garden. O'Brien was well in front going into the sixth, but he ran into several jolting hooks in that round and was still feeling them when he came out for the seventh. Fiore lost no time finishing him. Crowding O'Brien against the ropes, Carmine crashed over another hook and the Nutmeg Stater toppled to the canvas. He stumbled up at eight, but was in such tough shape that Referee Barney Felix called a halt. The round had gone only 29 seconds.

Jerry Drouin, 139½, Quebec City, drew with Georgie Collins, 135½, Long Island, in an interesting semi-final six. Another six, between Mack Stanford, 161, Englewood, N. J., and Art Thayer, 156½, Brockton, Mass., also ended in a stalemate. Edgar Stover, 133, West Side, whipped Felton (Tippy) Simmons, 130½, Bayside, in a third six. Sonny Williams, 166½, East Side, decisioned Harry Lemmers, 161½, New Bedford, Mass., in four.

Deciding he needed a change in venue after dropping two straight decisions at Eastern Parkway, Paddy DeMarco, 136, Brooklyn, shifted to Madison Square Garden and got himself back in the winning column by mauling his way to a decision over Henry Davis, 135½, Honolulu, in a busy but sloppy ten. Showing for the first time in a New York ring, Davis proved a fairly clever boxer, with a good combination of punches, but he wasn't strong or rugged enough for the boisterous DeMarco. Davis suffered a rip on his right cheek in the second while DeMarco picked up a slight cut over his left eye in the fifth and a gash on his nose in the seventh.

Out of the ring more than three years, Gene Gosney, 210¼, Seminole, Okla., returned to action in the semi-final eight but lasted only as far as 1:09 of the second with James J. Parker, 201¼, Barry, Ont. The bout was halted when Gosney's left eye was completely closed. In sixes, Miguel Berrios, 128, Puerto Rico, halted Dave Rollins, 126½, Detroit at 1:31 of the first, and Nelson Levering, 140, Wichita, Kan., drew with Richie Crump, 139, Bronx. In fours, Billy Lepido, 148, West Side, won from Larry Baker, 143, Mt. Vernon; Andre Tessier, 167½, Springfield, Mass., decisioned Mike Gillen, 171, Ireland, and Danny Taylor, 145¼, West Side, drew with Emerson Butcher, 145, Rock Island, Ill. Attendance 3,418; gross gate $8,035.

Again bucking rainy weather and a "break" in the main event, the Ridgewood Grove did surprisingly well to have 1,800 of the neighbors' children present for the second show of its non-TV season. Injuries and illness forced Joey Klein and Richie Reed to withdraw from the originally scheduled windup, but Danny Giovanelli, who had topped the previous week's inaugural, returned for another appearance. The popular Brooklyn youngster, scaling 139½, had a much tougher assignment this time, and was pushed to the limit to take the decision from stubborn Whitman Burress, 139, Philadelphia, in a scrappy eight.

In a co-featured eight, Eddie (Polly) Smith, 176, Bermuda, did well to spot 12 pounds and hold ringwise Chubby Wright, 187, Reading, Pa., to an even split. In a special, unbeaten Carmelo Costa, 131, Brooklyn, continued along his winning way by outpointing a borough rival, Johnny Carr, 125. It was Costa's eighthth straight win as a pro. In a pair of fours, Emile Meyers, 134½, decisioned a fellow-Brooklynite, Tony Villa, 136½, and Abdou Ali, 142, Arabia, finished ahead of Bernie Lynn, 141, Jamaica.

Though nearly a head shorter and 34½ pounds lighter, Harold Johnson, 176, Philadelphia, the world's third ranking light-heavyweight, was too clever and experienced for Nino Valdez, 210½, Cuba, and won convincingly in ten at Eastern Parkway. Boxing smartly against the dangerous but slower Cuban, Johnson was in front all the way, relying mainly on snappy left jabs and hooks to pile up his points. Going the ten-round distance for the first time, and somewhat rusty from a five-months' layoff, Valdez came through with a much better showing than had been generally expected.

A 19-year-old newcomer from Preston, England, Johnny Sullivan, 166, made a terrific impression in the semi-final by blasting out Mike Gillo, 163, New Haven, with a lusty right to the chin at 2:48 of the second. Another European visitor, Mario Crisostome, 182, Italy, plodded to a decision over Lou Benson, 194, Baltimore, in six. In fours, Sergio Penalver, 118¾, Cuba, outpointed Charlie DeBow, 118½, Springfield, Mass.; Willie Syndor, 143½, Tuckahoe, drew with Emerson Butcher, 147, Rock Island, Ill., and Bob Provizzi, 160½, Corona, stopped Paul Gornick, 158, Allentown, at 1:19 of the fourth.

Showing a slight improvement over his previous start, when he lost to Georgie Holzman in the same ring, Jimmy Flood, 166, Yorkville, came through with a win in his second "comeback" outing at White Plains County Center, beating Joe Tomasello, 158, Mattawan, N. J., in a free-punching eight. The lighter Tomasello did all right when he boxed at long range and found the wide-open Flood easy to hit, but he made the mistake of letting the heavier, stronger Yorkvillian crowd him against the ropes and wear him down with body smashes. A tired Tomasello had rough going in the last two rounds. Jimmy Scalero, 134½, Stamford, Conn., whipped Juan Melendez, 133½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. Don Braun, 145, Baltimore, slammed his way to an easy decision over Leon Gabriel, 148, Flushing, in another six. In fours, Frank Ippolito, 137, Bronx, won from Edgar Stover, 136, Harlem; Tony d'Attilo, 155, New Rochelle, decisioned Pete Gallagher, 154, Bronx, and Sonny Williams, 165½, East Side, had the better of Vic Manni, 164, West Side.

Down for eight in the first from a solid right to the chin, Claude Hammond, 147¾, West New York, N. J., came back to billygoat and roughhouse his way to a decision over Mike Colucci, 148, Corona, in a brawling eight at Sunnyside Garden. After his opening round blast, Colucci, fighting his first main event on the smaller-club circuit, couldn't find the right answers to Hammond's boisterous football rushes and wrestling tactics, and was given a rough time.

A co-featured eight came up with a surprise when substitute Tommy Jackson, 191, Rockaway Beach, filled in for ailing Phil Alston and gave the heavier and more experienced Jimmy DiLenge, 215, East Side, a going-over in a rugged belting affairs. In fours, Des Shanley, 139¾, Jersey City, was too persistent for Bobby Dufour, 135½, Montreal; Gene Washington, 159, Newark, had the better of Joe Shaw, 161, Bronx; Paul Griffen, 143¾, Brooklyn, grabbed the verdict from Emerson Butcher, 148, Rock Island, Ill., and Braxton Reed, 131, Bronx, whipped a borough rival, Johnny Ramos, 127.

Showing for the first time in Madison Square Garden—on a national television—rangy Johnny Gonsalves, 135½, Oakland, Cal., needed a strong finish to edge out Orlando Zulueta, 133, Cuba, in a fast but not too exciting ten.

Al Wilson, 145, Englewood, N. J., outfought the veteran Phil Burton, 141¾, St. Louis, in a rugged semi-final eight. In sixes, Paul Andrews, 169, Long Island City, won from Clarence Hinnant, 164, Washington, D. C., and Joe Paniagua, 128, whipped a fellow-Bronxite, Tony Amabile, 124½. Two scheduled fours were shortened by kayos, Art Thayer, 155, Brockton, Mass., polishing off Don Zimbardo, 160, Elizabeth, N. J., at 1:51

TELEVISION ROUNDUP

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also report a sharp decline in attendance.

There are three things that can be done to open the boxing arenas and put them on a paying basis, while developing youngsters, once again:

Abolish telecasts of all boxing matches.
Televise only the major attractions into theaters.
Put telecasts of boxing events on home subscription—TV.

The latter two solutions are probably the best and there is no doubt that once the promoters see interest waning they will turn to either one or both of these methods of adding revenue while protecting their gates. The practice of "blacking-out" the local area where the match is being held is very commendable as far as helping assure the particular match a fighting chance to bring in a good house. But it does not in any way aid the plight of the promoters who cannot take the chance of running a show anywhere else on that particular night.

TELEVISION-WISE, possibly the most important development in boxing during the year was the third major network to join the field and telecast bouts on a national hookup. Early in the year the DuMont Network and the Eastern Parkway Arena combined to present shows from that local arena in Brooklyn, stunning the boxing world by paying the main eventers $3,000 each, which equalled the amount given to fighters for the telecast from Madison Square Garden over the NBC Network. Later in the year new contracts were signed and the star bout attractions from the Garden received $3,600 each.

WOR-TV (New York) tossed a scare into the sporting world in the Fall when a premature announcement had them cancelling their heavy schedule of sporting events, presumably due to a weekly loss of $10,000 which the station was incurring. However, it was merely a reorganization movement and though certain programs were dropped WOR-TV still goes all-out to gain the sport-minded fan and will continue to do so through next year. Aside from telecasting boxing from the St. Nicholas Arena (Monday, no longer running), Westchester County Center (Tuesday), Sunnyside Garden (Thursday) Fort Hamilton Arena (Saturdays, during Summer) and Ridgewood Grove (Saturday, now operating without TV), the station also during the year carries basketball, wrestling from Jamaica Arena and Ridgewood Grove, harness racing from the Yonkers track, a program called "Texas Wrestling" and the Brooklyn Dodgers' home baseball games.

FOR the first time, due to a growing demand, we are running a rating of TV boxing announcers as compiled from our poll of correspondents and fans throughout the country. This is not a popularity vote but one based on the announcer's knowledge of the game, accurate and informative description of the action supplementing the viewing of the bout, and clarity of voice.

Announcers are primarily hired for their ability to put over a commercial and this phase of their work does not enter into the rating. It should also be kept in mind that much of the factual and descriptive material announcers may use is "fed" to them. Take away the "script" and we might often be in for a long pause between commercials. Come to think of it, that might not be a bad idea.

Stan Lomax (WOR-TV), who calls the fights from Sunnyside Gardens and Westchester County Center in New York, garnered most votes among the correspondents and fans. Lomax has been one of America's top sports announcers for the last eighteen years.

Closely grouped behind him were, in order, Jimmy Powers (NBC Network) who operates from Madison Square Garden, Russ Hodges (CBS Network) who is on the Wednesday night circuit, and Hank Weaver (KECA-TV) who calls them from the Legion Stadium in Hollywood.

Others who were mentioned included:

Dick Garton (KTLA), Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles; Jack Drees (WENR-TV), Rainbo Arena, Chicago; Ted Husing (DuMont Network), Eastern Parkway Arena, New York; Fred Wolf (WXYZ-TV), Motor City Arena, Detroit; Steve Ellis (CBS Network), Wednesday night circuit; Fred Sayles (WATV), Laurel Garden, Newark; and Dick Nesbitt (WOR-TV), Sunnyside Gardens and Westchester County Center, New York.

THEATER-TV, though only handling two boxing events in 1952 in contrast to the six in 1951, made a deep impression and should be very much in the picture, though not on your home screen, in the new year.

The six bouts presented on television exclusively into theaters during 1951 did a gross business of just over $91,000.

On June 25 the Maxim-Robinson light heavyweight title fight, screened into 39 theaters in 25 cities, saw 125,000 persons paying $225,000. The heavyweight title fight which saw Rocky Marciano take the crown from Jersey Joe Walcott was shown in 50 theaters in 31 cities with 120,000 attendance accounting for $400,000.

The July 28 fight between Marciano and Matthews held at Yankee Stadium was scheduled for Theater-TV but the latter's manager, Jack Hurley, held out for a guarantee of $1.50 per seat and plans were dropped.

The one drawback to Theater-TV is the limited number of persons who can be accommodated for an event, a handicap that most forms of subscription TV do not encounter.

Here are some of the major fights of 1952 which were on home television and figures showing how the "actual" gross compared with TV-radio money:

	Attendance	Gross Receipts	TV-Radio
Robinson-Graziano ...	20,008	$252,237	$80,000
Davey-Graziano	11,970	83,630	75,000
Walcott-Charles	21,599	218,313	175,000
Marciano-Savold	9,243	61,386	35,000
Gavilan-Graham	18,000	85,444	30,000
Moore-Maxim	*8,000	*50,000	125,000

*Estimated

The Gavilan-Graham welterweight title bout was TV'ed over two stations in Cuba, the first country outside the United States to televise a world championship bout. The other bouts, with the exception of Davey-Graziano, were all "blacked-out" in their locality.

Here are the two bouts which were screened into theaters exclusively during 1952 with comparison figures for grosses at the Stadiums and motion picture houses:

	Gross Receipts	Theater-TV
Maxim-Robinson	$421,615	$225,000
Marciano-Walcott	504,645	400,000

Johnny Bratton, former N.B.A. welter champ, made most main event appearances on nationally televised hookups—eight—during 1952, with Rocky Castellani and Johnny Saxton the runners up having been screened seven times. Bratton and Castellani met each other twice, at Madison Square Garden and the Chicago Stadium.

Bratton's other videod bouts were with Joe Miceli, Del Flanagan and Ralph Jones in the Garden, with Vic Cardell at the Chicago Stadium, Irvin Steen at the Eastern Parkway Arena and Ralph Zanelli at the Oympia in Detroit. Castellani was also viewed in bouts with Ernie Durando, Billy Graham, Johnny Lombardo, Jimmy Herring and Vic Cardell. Johnny Saxton was seen against Livio Minelli, Lester Felton, Bobby Lee, Virgil Akins, Ralph Jones and Raul Perez.

Eugene Hairston, and Chuck Davey were seen six times. Joe Miceli and Chico Vejar were screened five times and Jake LaMotta, Danny Nardico and Gene Smith were viewed on four occasions on television.

Prospects for 1953 are far from encouraging. There is nothing but a bleak outlook for the small independent promoters and an even further downward spiral of attendance and receipts in the big arenas.

A fourth major television network—ABC—will enter the boxing field on January 24 when they start screening outstanding matches from various arenas throughout the country on Saturday nights. The bouts will be promoted by the International Managers Guild in conjunction with Famous Sports Enterprises, Inc., and sponsored by Bayuk Cigars. Complete details on this new program will appear in the next issue.

A fifth such program has long been under consideration and may finally come about early in the year, their main theme being to import foreign boxing champions for a series of televised bouts in the States, matching them with outstanding American fighters.

Another outpost falls with the closing night of 1952 when the Pabst Wednesday night schedule, which has sponsored shows in eleven cities during the past twelve months, makes it an even dozen by presenting a fight from Miami on New Year's Eve.

The Gillette Razor Co. is ready to share sponsorship of the proposed return Marciano-Walcott title go in Chicago in March with a group of TV set manufacturers, the TV and radio rights, according to a reliable source, going for $300,000.

Boxing which had looked so hopefully to television can no longer deny that the tail is now wagging the dog.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

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for a return bout. Bratton, who lost the N.B.A. title to Gavilan, has fought his way back to where he must be given consideration again. A Dykes-Bratton elimination might be in order while Gavilan is fighting Davey.

In Chicago the fans would also like to see the promising Davey vs. the veteran Bratton.

A Philadelphia natural would be Gil Turner vs. Billy Graham.

In addition to those mentioned the welterweight field includes such capable fighters as Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn, Joe Miceli of the U. S. Army, and Art Aragon of Los Angeles.

Either Saxton vs. Turner, or Saxton vs. Graham is a top flight match.

RULING the lightweights is James J. Carter, who lost and then regained the title in bouts with Lauro Salas of Mexico. In beating Salas in the second fight, Carter's margin of victory was so great that there is no call for a third and rubber match. There are, however, at least two challengers for Carter to consider.

One is George Araujo of Providence, R. I., who knocked out Joe Brown among others. The second is Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, Calif. Gonsalves drew, and won in bouts with Araujo in Boston.

Salas, Arthur King, the Canadian veteran, Orlando Zulueta of Cuba and Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn are active lightweights. Include Brown, Virgil Akins and Henry Davis and a matchmaker has something to work with.

It is suggested that Salas, the ex-champ, box King or Zulueta.

DeMarco vs. Salas would attract attention.

Another good one would be Araujo vs. DeMarco.

Carter, of course, will engage in over-the-weight matches as all champions do. In this type of competition he might find Turner to be a worthy opponent.

THE world featherweight champion is Pvt. Sandy Saddler, U. S. Army. As a result the world title is frozen. There are any number of challengers who would like to take on the champ, but Sandy has Uncle Sam's fish to fry.

Among the top contenders are Ray Famechon of France, the best in Europe; Willie Pep, former world champion; Tom Collins of Boston, and Percy Bassett of Philadelphia. In either Boston or Philadelphia, a Bassett-Collins match would be a top attraction.

Pep isn't in good standing in New York, but elsewhere his great skill is appreciated. When champion, Willie defeated Famechon in Madison Square Garden. A return bout in Paris would have fifty million Frenchmen excited.

Although Collins kayoed Pep last summer another meeting is called for. Any matchmaker would be glad to pair the former champion with Bassett. Pep and Collins at the feather limit is a natural.

Other featherweights ready and willing to fight are Red Top Davis, a Pep protege; the aggressive Charley Riley, Glen Flanagan and Gene Smith. The latter tailed off after losing to Flanagan, but is coming on again.

Unfortunately where the featherweights are concerned, nothing big can happen while Saddler, the champion, is in the Army. He has more than a year to serve. "Interim" champions are meaningless though the competition for the title does keep the featherweight pot boiling.

SEVERAL featherweights would make worthy opponents for Jimmy Carruthers, if the new bantamweight champion should stop off in America on his way home to Australia. Pat Marcune and Bill Bossio would fall into that classification. Such matches would be no-title as there are no top-flight bantamweights on this side of the Atlantic.

The fact that Carruthers won the title by knocking out Vic Toweel in a round interested American fans, who prefer a puncher to a boxer. When he held the title, Toweel fought only in his native South Africa, while elsewhere the division died. Carruthers can bring back the bantamweight class provided he is a fighting champion.

Among the leading bantamweights only Gaetano Annaloro of Italy is known in America. He was here with the late Marcel Cerdan, and proved himself a willing, if not always a winning, fighter.

A return bout between Carruthers and Toweel is a necessity, due to contractual agreements. After that Maurice Sandeyron of France is next in line.

Yoshio Shirai is Japan's first world champion. He rules the flyweight division, and has announced plans to visit the United States. The visit will be more on the social side. There are no flyweights and hardly any bantamweights for Shirai to fight in the United States.

THE future program is uncertain, depending on the outcome of several fights, but Marciano is without doubt the key to a successful year in boxing. If he is active, as he says he will be, boxing will enjoy a boom. There are other factors, such as television, but that will be with us from now on. What it does to the sport will depend on how it is used.

Basically, the future is a problem for the promoters and matchmakers, including Norris, Brown and Truman Gibson of the I.B.C.; Larry Atkins in Cleveland, Babe McCoy in Los Angeles, Jimmy Murray in San Francisco, Sam Silverman in Boston, Herman Taylor in Philadelphia, and Teddy Brenner in Brooklyn.

"It isn't easy to make matches week after week. I try to make the best ones I can, and more often than not I succeed," said Brown. "I do the best I can with what I have to work with. I see no reason why 1953 shouldn't be a big year."

Perhaps this is wishful thinking on Brown's part, but the year 1953 can be a big one for boxing.

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By HARRY WINKLER

THIS being THE RING'S Annual Ratings issue, stories and pictures of international importance take precedence over news of local interest. Therefore, the California results will be written up as briefly as possible, to provide added space for the more important news and pictures. And too, the Annual Rating of California boxers, usually written up in this column this month, will be carried over until next issue.

The gong ending the second round of the Art Aragon, 146, Bob Terrance, 148, tussle at Hollywood Stadium, was a cruel chime for the Golden Boy. It not only robbed Aragon of an early victory, made his chore a tough one, and caused him physical pain, but also necessitated the postponement of a lucrative match with Billy Graham. Aragon had pounded Terrance to the canvas so convincingly that the tolling off of ten seconds seemed the only thing necessary to end the bout. But the bell interrupted the count, Terrance was revived and back in action in the third.

And it was this third round that packed the grief for Art. In an effort to score a KO, Aragon again decked Terrance and belted him all over the ring, but Bob kept his button well covered and many of Art's blows landed high on the Negro gamester's head, which caused injuries to both of Aragon's hands. The all-out effort slowed Art down a bit and his bruised hands caused him to ease up on his punching, so, Terrance, keeping up his persistent attack, copped two of the next six rounds and kept two others even.

The prices were upped for the Aragon-Terrance bout and apparently upped too much, for, an estimated crowd of only 3700 chucked in dollars to witness it.

In supporting bouts, Al Arenas, 134, and Johnny Richards, 135, slugged six bristling rounds to a draw; Leroy Jones, 120, was awarded a TKO over Tony Alvarez, 124, in the third round, when Alvarez was ruled out by the club physician, due to a badly bleeding nose; Rudy Jordan, 140, looked very good in defeating Billy Hartman, 144, in a four; Harry O'Neil, 142, disposed of Manuel Garcia, 144, in the second.

Oscar Torres repeated his win over Tommy Umeda, to retain his California bantam title, in a twelve rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. It was a fast-moving set to, with Torres' aggressiveness again overcoming Umeda's smarter boxing. There were no knockdowns in this one, but both were staggered several times. Referee Joe Stone and one judge had Torres winning by four points, the other judge voted for Umeda. Each came in under 118.

In the semi, Santiago Esteban, 136, chalked up his fifteenth straight win in defeating Al Arenas, 135, in an exciting six rounds. The solid punching Esteban decked Arenas for nine-counts in both first and second rounds.

In the prelims, Fernando Bastidas, 120, and Luis (Jose) Cotero, 119, fought four rounds to a draw. The other three bouts ended in first-round knockouts, Rudy Jordan, 141, disposed of Larry Torres, 145; Manuel Renteria, 136, KO'd Chato Duarte, 139, and Ross Gillam, 151, iced Willie Jackson, 153.

Carl (Bobo) Olson strengthened his position as contender for the middleweight title by disposing of Lee Sala of Donora, Pa., in the second round at the San Francisco Winterland Arena. There had been little action up to the time of Olson's sudden attack, both being cautious. Bobo stalked Sala, but Lee would back off, waiting for openings to counter-punch. Suddenly, Olson moved in, nailed Sala with a right to the chin and quickly followed through with a left hook and Lee slowly sank to the canvas.

Sala arose at count of nine, dazed and wobbly. Olson rushed in with a right to the jaw and Sala dropped to hands and knees, then rolled over on his back, but again tried to get off the floor as Referee Jack Downey counted him out. Olson weighed 163, Sala 160. The gate grossed $27,056.

Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano picked up an easy $1,500 as referee of the ten-round semi-windup between Maurice Harper, 151, Oakland, and Nick Moran, 158, Mexico City. The boxers fought at long range, so, Marciano had little to do as third man, and Harper beat Moran so decisively that rendering a decision was merely a formality.

In two prelims, Mel Modeste, 188, stopped Roy Voris, 178, in three, and Bull Halsey, 170, whipped John Chitman, 163, in a four.

The "local boy makes good" title could be aptly used to relate Dale Hall's victory over Willie Bean in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Hall, a Los Angeles boxer who had made good fights in other parts of the country on other occasions, only to disappoint in home town appearances, has broken the spell. Hall boxed nicely, moved fast and punched hard in decisioning Bean, in fact, looked like a real threat to the rated heavyweights.

It was an action-packed go, first one, then the other in the driver's seat, due to both being hurt by the heavy cannonading, but it was Hall who made the most of such opportunities. Dale cinched the win in the final round when he rocked Willie with hard rights. Referee Joe Stone and one judge had Hall in front by four points, the other judge voted for a draw. Hall weighed 210, Bean 212.

In other bouts: Mickey Northrup, 136, laced Al Moore, 134, colored clown of Oakland, in six-round semi. Moore, who swings wildly, as much for laughs, as for effect, was down in the second; Armando Cotero, 153, Juarez, and Govan Small, 153, Oakland, fought six blistering rounds to a draw; Luis Cotero, 121, defeated Billy Evans, 124, in a four; Baby Ray, 138, iced Manuel Flores, 137, in the first heat.

Dave Gallardo, 128, left-jabbed his way to an easy win over Luis Castillo, of Mexico City, 124, in a ten rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. The bout was not an exciting one, for, even when Castillo managed to get inside of Gallardo's left, most of his broadside punches landed on Dave's gloves and forearms. Gastillo stepped up his efforts in the late rounds and the little five-by-five battler garnered two of the heats and kept two others even, but this still left Gallardo with six of the rounds, which made it easy for Referee Reg Gilmore and both judges to agree on the winner.

Other results: Spencer Coleman, 157, down twice in the opening round, came back to stop Frankie Russell, 162, in the fifth. Coleman dumped Frankie in the second and had him messed up and badly beaten when the bout was halted; Tony Alvarez, 120, decisioned Celso Hidalgo, 120, in four; Ernie Castaneda, 118, KO'd Alonzo Aviles, 118, in two; Rocky Corkins, 150, beat Boise Phillips, 149, in a four; Russ Gillam, 153, nodded Tony Kequon, 149, in four.

The "Luck of the Irish" played a prominent part in the victory of Doug Kirby, 136, San Francisco, over Maxie Docusen, 136, New Orleans, in a ten rounder at the Sacramento Auditorium. It had been a see-saw battle with Kirby copping the first two rounds, Docusen the next two, Doug winning the fifth and sixth, Maxie the seventh and eighth. With both eyes bleeding and badly swollen, when Kirby came out for the ninth, it looked like defeat for the Irish lad.

Kirby was lucky that the referee had not ruled him out as "too damaged" in a previous round, and he now seemed doomed for further injury. But then he did it. Doug whipped over a hard right to Docusen's jaw that put Maxie in a fog and the New Orleans boy hadn't fully revived from the punch when he came out for the tenth, enabling Kirby to win the final heat and the decision.

In three supporting bouts, Santiago Esteban, Los Angeles, KO'd Leo Martinez, Modesto, in the fifth; Jimmy McCoy, Eureka, nodded Bucky O'Connor, Fresno, in six; Howard King, Reno, stopped Calvin Johnson, Sacramento, in the second. The gate grossed $4,918.

The devastating right paw of Charley Green, which had done little more than stir up the air for five rounds, landed on Buddy J's chin in the sixth heat of their clash at Hollywood Stadium, and enabled Green to emerge triumphly from a situation that was becoming very embarrassing. Charley's embarrassment was caused by his being unable to tag the elusive Oaklander, whereas, Buddy was a regular Ben Hogan at placing his shots on the Green. (Yes—I know what a pun is.)

Buddy was leading at start of sixth, but shortly after, he, himself, was being led. A left hook had stunned him and a right put him down. He arose at count of five in a daze, and Green put him deeper in a fog with a series of hard blows to the head. The Oaklander was stumbling crazily around the ring, not knowing his name, (incidentally, I don't know it either,) when Referee Abe Roth declared it over. Each weighed 161.

In two six rounders, Santiago Esteban, 137, punched out a win over Dave Cervantes, 137, and Cisco Andrade, 136, iced Chato Duarte, 140, in the first round. In two four rounders, Billy Hartman, 143, bested Joey Perez, 140, and Armando Cotero, 156, whipped Russ Gillam, 153.

"Hey, Hey! Here it is, just what you boxing fans have been waiting for all these years. A free boxing show! Not an exhibition, but a complete program of fights, absolutely free! No charge, no obligation, you just walk in, pick out your seat and enjoy yourself. First come, first served. Your long craved ambition—to get into the fights without paying—now realized!"

Ripley himself, probably wouldn't have believed it, but the above ballyhoo doesn't exaggerate the facts, for, the Los Angeles Olympic boxing card on Nov. 11 was absolutely free to the public. The box-offices were closed, but the doors were wide open and no one there demanding to see "your tickets, please." And too, there was Babe McCoy and Cal Eaton, not crying, but instead, smiling as the crowd of 7000 filed in.

How come? Well, the State Athletic Commission has a rule against boxing being staged on Armstice Day, but they have no jurisdiction over programs staged where there is no admission charged. This year, November 11 fell on a Tuesday, the night on which the Olympic fights are televised each week, so, the Los Angeles Brewery Company, sponsors of the TV program, picked up the check, and invited the boxing fans to be their guests.

The main event of this free show was a ten rounder between Reuben Smith, 126, and Bobby Why, 127, and it was one of hot action all the way, with Reuben upsetting the dope by winning over Why handily. Bobby won the early rounds and all but stopped Smith in the fifth, having Reuben hurt and holding on twice during this round. But, Oh, what Reuben did to Why in the sixth! He dumped Bobby twice with rights to the jaw and pounded him unmercifully to the end of the round. Both slowed down a bit after these two punishing heats and neither were again in serious trouble. Why bled from cuts over both eyes during the late rounds, which were won by Smith, who received the unanimous decision.

Other results: Lou Williams, 136, decisioned Aberdeen Lynch, 137, in the six round semi; In the four rounders, Tony Alvarez, 118, bested Danny Duran, 117; Jimmy Coleman, 158, whipped Russ Gillam, 154; Rocky Corkins, 149, nodded Tony Kequon, 150; Rudy Jordan, 142, beat Boise Phillips, 143.

Johnny Miller, 146, Stockton, decisioned Chu Chu Jiminez, 144, Los Angeles, in a ten rounder at the Stockton Auditorium. Miller, a nice boxer with an advantage in height and reach, was able to keep most of the milling at long range. The times that Jiminez worked inside of Johnny's left jab,

he had the better of the infighting. Referee Pete Morelli credited Miller with six rounds, Jiminez two, and two even.

In three supporting bouts, Tommy Flores, 139, Stockton, defeated Bob Rubi, 138, in a six; Ernie Dickson, 155, Oakland, shaded Frank Skidmore, 151, Salinas, in six; Gilbert Gonzales, 161, San Francisco, KO'd John Martin, 158, Modesto, in the third.

The biggest upset in California fistic circles this year was the victory of Leonard Dugan over John McFalls, in a ten rounder at Hollywood Stadium. Dugan, a 6 ft. 4 Negro of Oakland, who had engaged in but two preliminary bouts, was to have fought his third prelim on this card, in which McFalls was fighting the main event. When McFalls' opponent failed to show up at the weigh-in, Dugan accepted the assignment. And what a fight he put up!

It was expected that Dugan, who had gone only four rounds in his previous bout—his second one—would fall apart in a few heats against a puncher like McFalls. And several times it looked as though Dugan was to cave in, but after each sign of exhaustion—he always came back fighting. And there he was, still in there fighting in the tenth round, in fact, the big greenhorn came closest to flooring McFalls in this final heat. Referee Frankie Van credited Dugan with seven of the rounds and winner by five points.

In other bouts: Sammy Saunders, 160, decisioned Bobby Castro, 162, in six-round semi; Govan Small, 153, outslugged Willie Jackson, 154, in six; Barry O'Neil, 142, whipped Al (Clown) Moore, 137, in a four; Tony Kequon, 152, KO'd Boise Phillipe, 150, in two.

If Elmer Beltz had carried a meat-ax in each hand, Oscar Reyes couldn't have been more respectful of those weapons than he was of Beltz's padded fists, in their ten rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Reyes' chief concern was "Where's Elmer?", and once acquainted with the location, Oscar took off in the opposite direction. Beltz stalked Reyes continually and was tabbed as winning every round.

Midway in the chase, Reyes lost some of his fleetness of foot and Elmer handed Oscar quite a pasting in the late rounds. The Jewish jolter floored Reyes for a nine count with a left hook to the jaw in the ninth round and had Oscar bleeding from the nose, mouth and an eye cut at the finish. Beltz weighed 146, Reyes, 147.

Other results: Billy Peacock, 119, Philadelphia, outclassed Celso Hidalgo, 120, Mexico City, in the six round semi; Baby Ike, 144, defeated Eddie Williams, 145, in a four; Danny Duran, 117, KO'd Tommy Moore, 119, in two; Larry Torres, 146, shaded Art Aguilar, 150, in four; Tony Kequon, 150, nodded Rocky Corkins, 150.

Having more ability, greater experience and physical advantages on his opponent, Jackie Blair, 129, Dallas, shouldn't have had too much trouble defeating Jesse Mongia, 124, Denver, in their meeting at the Hollywood Stadium—and didn't have. Mongia, a prelim fighter of brief experience, won the first two rounds on aggressiveness, but Blair got his jab operating in the third and outclassed the Mexican youth from there on.

Finding out that Mongia didn't take 'em well in the tummy, the Texas champ concentrated on Jesse's midsection, and when a left to the body put Mongia down in the seventh, Referee Abe Roth's opinion of the mismatch was expressed by his declaring the bout over, without giving Mongia a count.

Other results: Charley Sawyer, 146, KO'd Leon Spencer, 143, in the third round of the semi; Cisco Andrade, 133, halted Ramon Carrillo, 133, in two; Vince Delgado, 122, defeated Billy Evans, 124, in four; Ray Serna, 139, stopped Henry Johnson, 137, in the third.

Please accept my wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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CHUCK DAVEY WINS PROGRESS AWARD

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This was a jim dandy of a job. All our correspondents had some favorite to introduce into the picture, and each had to be gone into. A heavyweight from Great Britain's Cudworth in Yorkshire, Terry McDonald, a protege of Bruce Woodcock, despite a recent loss was considered.

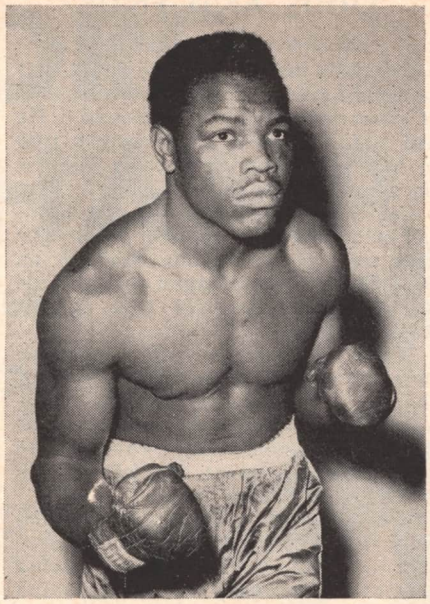
Tommy Harrison, a Los Angeles, California light-heavyweight, had his hat in the ring for his wins over Charley Norkus, Jimmy Bivins and Wes Bascom.

Among the middleweights given consideration was Charley Joseph of New Orleans, La., who since 1951 has racked up ten straight wins over men like Jimmy Taylor, Holly Mims and George Knowles. Bobby King, of Boston, Mass., with fourteen straight since October of 1951 was given the keen eye as was an English lad from Potters Bar, Johnny Wright, a former A.B.A. (amateur) champ.

A BRACE of Philadelphia, Pa., youngsters came up in the welterweight mix in Vinnie DeCarlo, a 20 year old, with fifteen bouts under his belt and only one loss and Jay Anderson, aged nineteen, has had twenty-two contests since 1951 and is undefeated. Across the pond in England, Bunty Adamson, Lew Lazar of London, and a wild-swinging, busy Nigarian, Israel Boyle were given the once over.

Several lightweights received serious thought. One of them being Danny Jo Perez, of the West Side of New York City, a hot prospect among the youngsters, who has entered the main event class whom sages pick as a comer.

Among the featherweights another Perez came to light. A Brooklyn youth, Lulu Perez. Like Danny Jo, Lulu started boxing in 1951 and in the short span since has reached main event status, fighting such tartars as Charlie Titone and that bruising slugger Bill Bossio. England has its share of good feathers whose records stood up to a prod. Sammy McCarthy of Milex End, London; Freddie King, Wandsworth, London; Don Taggart of Paisley; Billy Kelly, the 20 year old son of "Spider Kelly" former British and Empire 126-pound champ. In France, Ray Grassi stood out like a sore thumb and bore careful scrutiny.



LEONARD DUGAN

IT will be interesting to note the progress of Leonard Dugan, as he appears to be an exceptional heavyweight in this day of "false-alarm" heavies. In the days of sturdier men, it was not unusual for a heavyweight to fight a ten rounder in his third start, and some of those hardy heavies were regarded as contenders for the title before having engaged in a dozen bouts. And Leonard Dugan might duplicate such a feat, not merely because he has defeated a tough opponent in a ten rounder, in only his third start, but mostly because he has a lot of natural ability, likes to fight and has real ambition.

And in Harry Fine, Dugan is guided by a manager of the old school, a trainer and coach of forty years experience, an exceptional corner-man and one shrewd in the business angles. So, if Dugan doesn't make the grade, it will not be due to incompetent direction.

Dugan, born at Tallahassee, Fla., is 24 years of age, weights 210, stands 6 ft. 4 in. He boxed amateur while stationed at Great Lakes Naval Base several years ago, but did not enter pro ranks until last October. He married recently and lives in Oakland.

OF them all, the choice by a large margin, was Chuck Davey who in his 1952 endeavors had risen to the number one TV favorite and the welterweight most likely to get a shot at Kid Gavilan's welterweight crown.

Winner of 36 fights out of 38, without a loss, Davey is unusual for a college fighter. Not only is the 5 foot, 9 inch Irishman a southpaw, but unlike the majority of college fighters, he likes to fight. In college instead of basketball, track or some other intercollegiate activity, it was boxing that received his attention.

Asked why he turned to fighting instead of teaching, for which he had also equipped himself, Davey said, "I had seen fighters come up in a relatively short time and I knew I could make more money in a few years doing something I liked than I could by teaching school."

He is still called "Torchy" by the campus at Michigan State because of his blond hair and as one co-ed put it, "Chucks a campus hero—a real pinup boy." When Davey fights the rooting section consists of as many women as men, not unusual in wrestling, but certainly an oddity in boxing.

A CAPTAIN in the air force during World War II, it was normal to ask a fightin' man if he ever felt frightened before a fight?

"I've never been exactly frightened but if I were fighting my grandmother I'd be nervous," he answered. "I ask no favors and all I insist on is a 50-50 chance in any fight and I'm satisfied . . . after all the other fellow is only a man and so am I."

Chuck has one thing in common with other tigers—his ability to pick a pretty wife. Married this past year to the former Miss Patricia Ann Abell of Chicago, a nurse, whom he met when he went to the hospital for eye treatment after his fight with Graziano, Chuck not only had his eye fixed up but his heart as well. A happily married man, Chuck was asked his future plans:

"I'm married now you know," he said, "I hope to pile up a nest egg early and then quit the fight game before I start to slip. The chances are that I'll eventually end up teaching school, a love which I inherited from my mother, or, perhaps I'll end up in business behind a desk."

Does he believe that he can win the welterweight crown?

"Yes, I think I have the type of style to win from Gavilan but should I fail to win the championship in a fair period of time then I'll quit and turn to other pursuits."

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happy, Zale included, for we doubt that he could have stood another five rounds of desecrating hallowed ground. He had lost his world middleweight title to Marcel Cerdan in a great fight in the same ring four years before.

Continuing seemed to be the downfall of quite a few people in 1952. The heat was on at Yankee Stadium on June 25 when Joey Maxim defended his world light-heavyweight title against Ray Robinson.

While the middleweight champion fought a winning fight through most of the heat of battle he got his lumps toward the end from Maxim as Sugar Ray was fast melting away. There wasn't even a decent stir left in him after the thirteenth round.

Previous to that, Referee Ruby Goldstein who was handling the championship mill was overcome by the intense heat of an unusually humid night and the barrage of lights which hung over the ring. He could not continue after the tenth round necessitating a second referee brought in to finish the officiating, a precedent shattering move in a world title bout. Ray Miller, who had worked in the prelims and was cooling his heels, finished up.

THEY had there ups-and-downs at Wembley Town Hall, England, on January 15, when Fred Powell, Walmouth heavyweight, took four nine counts and Ted Morgan, Worcester light-heavyweight, was down nine times in a bout that went eight rounds to a decision with Powell winning.

Not to be outdone, Denny Bonser (not bouncer) and Jackie Dix tangled in a six-round welterweight scrap at Willenhall, England, on September 2, that produced a total of fourteen knockdowns, Bonser scoring eleven of them and Dix three. It is not true that they were accused of laying down on the job. Based on the action supplied—for the short periods they were on their feet—the decision was a draw.

Al Hoosman, American heavyweight, came through with flying colors to all too well fill the breech in a bout with Tommy Farr in Cardiff, So. Wales, on September 11. In the seventh round of a ten-round fight time was taken out while Hoosman tried on several pairs of trunks to replace his own, which had torn. Unable to find a pair to fit, Hoosman used three for sufficient "protection" but was so tightly breeched he was unable to sit down for the remainder of the bout, which went the limit. As the British would say (or would they?) Hoosman was unsuccessful in getting through his "trunk call." Now, had the fight been a longer distance it's possible he might have received it in the end.

AT Hoxton, London, England, on January 25, Pat McKinnon, a welterweight, kayoed Pat Thain in 12 seconds of the first round. Obviously one pat on the back for the shortest fight of the year. Only one punch, a left hook says the report, was thrown. There was time for more?

As the year wore on things slowed up a bit. On May 8 at Liverpool Stadium, Dick Ashcroft, Manchester lightweight, kayoed Bill Connor in 15 seconds, time including the time. That was a night the British could not say, "One of Our Ashcroft is Missing."

The first boxing match in Florida between girls took place in August when Hattie McDaniel emerged triumphant over her opponent, one Iron Head Sal Simone, stopping her in four rounds. The girls wore headgear and—er—protectors.

It seems Charley Hopkins was a bit hot under the collar when Fred Guerro was awarded a second-round knockout over him at Miami, Fla., on October 16. He had a bad case of sunburn which was too severe to permit the fight to continue.

With that hot one we have a burning desire to wrap up the Odds and Ends of 1952.

RING RATINGS

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if such a tourney is arranged, the final bout should be staged in New York where it belongs.

KID GAVILAN is one of the best fighters of the year. His record against the world's outstanding challengers, speaks for itself. He made good his boast to be a fighting champion and to face top contenders in his title defenses. The division as in the past, is an active one and has most of the best performers.

The defeat of Johnny Bratton by Ralph Tiger Jones in a one-sided affair, cost Bratton top honors in the world rankings. Dykes has proved his right to another title shot by rolling up an excellent record despite his loss to Felton and a split decision loss to Gavilan. Bobby won twelve bouts including victories over Joe Micelli, Nick Moran and Gil Turner.

RAY FAMECHON, who won the European feather title from Ronnie Clayton of England, heads the contenders in his class with a most impressive record.

In America the best of the feathers is young Tommy Collins of Boston who stopped Willie Pep. Though Tommy was stopped by Sandy Saddler, he has proved himself the best puncher of the American group.

Pep, following his kayo at the hands of Collins, made a great comeback and is deserving of a return engagement.

Bassett, the N.B.A. title holder, won from Teddy Davis and Charley Riley; kayoed Ray Powell and Frankie Sodano; lost to Teddy Davis and drew with Federico Plummer. Though an excellent fighter, his record for the year isn't sufficient to have gained for him the honors the N.B.A. bestowed on him.

The greatest progress made by a fighter in the flyweight class belongs to Jake Tuli, the twenty-one year old boy from the Gold Coast of West Africa. He came from nowhere to clinch top honors as the outstanding contender with Dado Marino, and Terry Allen, close at his heels.

MOORE NEW CHAMP

By NAT FLEISCHER

IN a battle in which he kept up a relentless attack almost from the start Archie Moore, the perennial challenger, finally gained the goal of his ambition—the world light-heavyweight title.

By defeating Joey Maxim in 15 rounds in the St. Louis Arena, the 36-year old Moore came through with the feature fight of his career to win the unanimous decision. Referee Harry Kessler gave him 76 points to 74, while the judges, Howard Hess and Fred Connell, tabbed it 87-63 and 82-68, respectively.

My card showed Moore ahead, 11 rounds to three, with one even, and a point tally of 87 to 63.

Despite the one-sided tally, it was a splendid contest, with victor and vanquished giving all they had, and Maxim taking plenty of terrible body punishment.

For six rounds, Maxim fought a fine battle, much like he displayed in London when he won the title from Freddie Mills nearly three years before. But as the bout progressed, Moore's powerful punches took their toll. Gradually, the champ weakened until, from the tenth round to the finish, he was a target for hooks to the jaw and body that not only weakened him but several times had him on the verge of collapse.

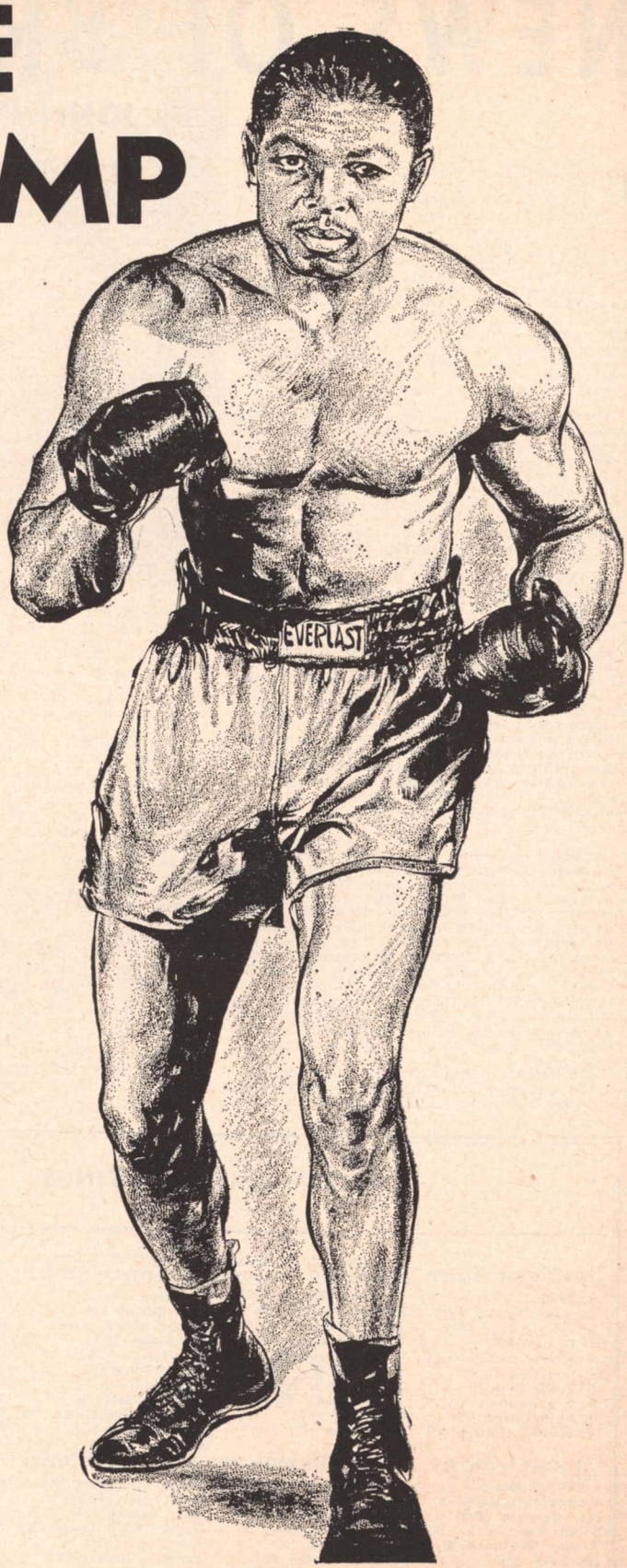
For seven long years Moore had been sitting on the sidelines, waiting for the chance to fight for the crown, and when he finally got it he proved what so often we have said—that he is the best of all light-heavyweights. Though he didn't knock his man out, something Joey's other opponents had found difficult to accomplish, Moore did the next best thing. He won by so wide a margin that his victory could not be disputed. Archie's best and most damaging blows were terrific rights to the body in the second and tenth rounds. Throughout the fight he kept playing on the body to set Maxim up for a finishing wallop, but he couldn't get the punch soporific across.

A FITTING touch to Moore's grand triumph was that it was scored in his home town. It was in St. Louis that Archie started his long, busy ring career more than 16 years before—a career that had carried him through 138 bouts, spread across not only the length and breadth of the United States, but to Australia and South Pacific.

It also was fitting that Moore, in reaching the glorious end of the long chase for a world championship, should have done it before a packed house of enthusiastic St. Louisans. The crowd of 12,610 contributed the largest boxing gate in Mound City history. The box-office receipts were $89,487, which, added to the reported $50,000 revenue from radio and television, brought the total "take" to $139,487.

Moore himself fought for little more than expense money—but the chance to win the valuable title was worth it. He was so sure of his ability to beat Maxim that he was willing to pay for the opportunity. The exact terms were not divulged, but it was reported that Maxim had been guaranteed $100,000 for the bout. If anything was left, after Maxim had been paid and the federal and state taxes deducted from the gross receipts, Moore was to receive 10 percent of it.

With the retirement of Randy Turpin of England from light-heavyweight competition, Moore has agreed to give Maxim a return match within 60 days, as provided in the contract. Originally the winner was to have met Turpin, but Randy has announced his intention to campaign for Ray Robinson's middleweight laurels, leaving Moore and Maxim free to battle it out again—if Joey wants any more of Archie's rugged treatment.



Archie Moore

Light-heavyweight Champ

NEWS OF BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

BLACKPOOL.—A new entry in the featherweight class was seen in the person of Bola Lawal, described as champion of Nigeria, 127½, and proved himself to be a tough warrior after he had outpunched the Scottish southpaw Jim Traverse (Airdrie), 124, over ten rounds. . . . Eric Billington (Golbourne), 143, gained a points win over Cal Johnson (Jamaica), 146, after a hard eight-rounder. . . . Jack Dyer (Bolton), 136, outpointed Roy Hammersley (Mold), 135, over six rounds. . . . Ron Kilshaw (Blackpool), 144, knocked out Jackie Fryer (Lancaster), 148, in the fourth. . . . Ray Anderson (Workington), 149, outpointed Alan Forest (Blackpool), 150, over four rounds.

BELFAST.—Jack Johnston Cofi (West Africa), 158½, stopped Jim Doran (Belfast), 149¾, in the third round. . . . Pat Kelly (Belfast), 126½, knocked Dennis Wild (Sheffield), 127½, in the fourth round. . . . Jackie Mitchell (Belfast), 154, left-handed his way to a clear points win over Ted Dexter (Sheffield), 156¼, after eight rounds. . . . Cliff Garvey (Dundalk), 154¼, won on points over eight rounds against Bert Dunlop (Belfast), 151¾.

HOXTON — LONDON. — Sammy Bonnici (Stepney), 129, outpointed Teddy Odus (West Africa), 132½, in a hard fought eight round bout. . . . Joe Crickmar (Stepney), 183, knocked out Sammy Clarke (Camberwell), 203, in 52 seconds of the first round. . . . Ken Ryan (Islington), 124, outpunched Fred Cook (Morden), 124½, till the latter retired with a bad cut mouth in the third round. . . . Pat Berry (Bethnal Green), 144¾, was given a hard set-to by Joe White (Croydon), 149¼, until a cut eye in the fifth round caused the referee to intervene in Berry's favour. . . . Harry Wilcox, a useful southpaw, 129, stopped Jackie Leonard (Islington), 130, in the third round. . . . Johnny Nash (Dartford), 144, outpointed Vic Smith (Croydon), 144, over six rounds.

DERBY.—Jackie Fairclough (Preston), 117, made a welcome appearance, in the ring, to score a points win over Bobby Boland (Dundee), 119, after eight action packed rounds. . . . Colin Harrison (Rotherham), 138, put up a smart performance, when he knocked out Dennis Yearby (Leeds), 142, in the third round. . . . Jeff Parsons (Nuneaton), 130¼, stopped Peter Cardiff (Northwich), in the fifth round. . . . Dennis Thomas (Burton), 142, outpointed Nel Williamson (Shirebrook), 139, over six rounds. . . . Brian Coxhead (Preston), 148, knocked out Tommy Coftnam (Bridlington), 150, in the third round.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB—London.—Jackie Foster (Belfast), 114, stopped Jimmy Jennings (Clapton), 114, in the sixth round, the latter having received a very bad cut eye. . . . Albert Sanderson (Northampton), 124, outpointed Alf Clarke (Bow), 123½, over six rounds. . . . Cliff Giles (Linton), 118, defeated Harry Alley (Holloway), 122¼, in a six round contest. . . . Albert Carroll (Bethnal Green), 144½, outpointed Ken Scammell (Wandsworth), 144, over six rounds. . . . Ronnie Davis (Notting Hill), 154, outpointed Fred Balio (West Africa), over six rounds. . . . Johnny Hunt (Northampton), 140, knocked out Freddie Morris (Crofton Park), 145½, in the first round.

WEMBLEY.—Rocco King (Doncaster), 161, received a very close decision over Ron Crogan (Paddington), 164, at the end of their eight round contest. . . . Ken Diston (Hendon), 120½, knocked out Terry Ward (Belfast), 113½, in the second round. . . . Gerry Peters (Belfast), 149, outpointed Ronnie Ball (Harrow), 145, over six rounds. . . . Fred Angel (Hendon), 121½, outpointed Robert Hecht (Aldgate), 121. . . . Jack Koffi (Gold Coast), 144, outpointed Tony Haines (Maidenhead), 143, over six rounds.

MANCHESTER.—Gus Demmy and Harry Sharpe, two well known local sportsmen, staged a successful charity show on behalf of The Red Cross. The chief contest was between (The Busy Bee) Tommy Miller, Scottish featherweight champion, 122¼, and Johnny Molloy (St. Helens), 127½, the bout full of thrills, ended in the sixth round, when the referee intervened, after Molloy had received a bad cut eye, leaving Miller as the winner. . . . Hogan (Kid) Bassey (Nigeria), 119¾, gained a convincing points win over Tommy Proffitt (Manchester), 120½, after eight hard rounds. . . . Tommy Bailey (Liverpool), 136½, cleverly outpointed the Scottish lightweight champion, Jim Findlay (Motherwell), 136½, over eight rounds. . . . Alby Tissong (Durban), 128¼, scored a good KO victory over George Stewart (Motherwell), 128¾, in the second round. . . . Tony Lord (Ashton), 170½, stopped the promising Wilf Glyn (St Helens), 167¾, in the first round, when the referee intervened, after Glyn had taken considerable punishment.

ABERGAVENNY.—Jimmy Roberts (Welsh middleweight champion), 157, outpointed Jackie Marr (Australia), 161, over ten rounds. . . . Roy Agland (Tiryberth), 158, knocked out Frank Duffy (Liverpool), 157½, in the fourth round, Hayden Jones (Tirybeth) coming in as a late substitute did well to hold Selwyn Evans (Newbridge), Welsh lightweight champion, to a draw over eight rounds. Harold Urch (Newbridge), 143, scored a knockout win in the last round against Jim Davis (Cardigan), 149½, of a six rounder. . . . Dixie Dale (Haverfordwest), 162, stopped Eric Thomas (Cwmtwruh), 157, in the fourth round.

EMPRESS HALL — LONDON. — Freddie King (Wandsworth), 127¼, stopped Jacques Lasseine (Belgium) in the first round in a sensational manner. . . . After 89 seconds King found an opening and shot a speedy right to the Belgian's jaw, the latter going down as if pole-axed. The referee stopped the contest in King's favour. . . . The contest between George Walker (Bethnal Green), 172¾, and Albert Finch (Croydon), 173, was a humdinger all the way through. Walker took all that Finch had to hand out and was always willing to battle his way to close quarters. In the sixth round after a few to the body followed by a hard right to the jaw, Finch collapsed in his own corner to be counted out. . . . A newcomer to British rings, and scoring a sensational victory, was Hector Constance (welterweight champion of Trinidad), 148½, who soon found a way to fathom the southpaw stance of Wally Thom (Birkenhead), 148¼, and showing championship class, caused the referee to intervene in his favour, when Thom received a bad cut eye in the sixth round. . . . Hoacine Khalfi (Algeria), 136½, outpointed Cliff Anderson (British Guiana), 136, after a hard hitting bout over eight rounds. Danny Harvey (Glasgow), 142, weathered the storm in the fourth round to gain a good points win over six rounds against Tommy Organ (Bethnal Green), 142. . . . Lew Lazar (Aldgate), 147¾, boxed well to gain a clear points win over Bernie Newcombe (Gagenham), 144¾, over eight rounds. . . . Ron Hinson (Dagenham), 135, forced Dennis Hallett (Islington), 131¾, to retire with a bad cut eye in the fifth round. . . . Dennis Fewkes (Nottingham), 177¾, stopped Bill Norris (Brighton), 174½, in the first round.

WILLENHALL. — George Roe (Wolverhampton), 157½, won the Midlands middleweight title when he outpointed Les Allen (Bedworth), 157½, over twelve rounds . . . Willie Croke (Leamington), 136, knocked out Frank Guest (Blackheath), 135½, in the third round . . . Lew Turner (Dudley), 148½, was too strong for Charlie Vaughan (Walsall), 145, and the bout was stopped in the third . . . Les Abrahams (West Bromwich), 130, knocked out Johnny Britton (Tipton), 130½, in the fourth round . . . Don Bell (The Cardiff Southpaw), 149, outpointed Jimmy Lynas (Coventry), 151¾, over six rounds . . . Phillip Edwards (Cardiff), 135¾, knocked out Fred Leek (Willenhall), 132, in the second.

BELFAST.—Jim Andrews (Belfast), 147½, stopped Pat Shields (Glasgow), 147¼, in the eighth and last round . . . John McManus (Lugan), 114, defeated Jim Corbett (Lisburn), 112¼, in the fourth round.

LIVERPOOL. — Manny (Kid) Francis (Gold Coast), 121, sprang a surprise on Frank Williams (Birkenhead), 123¼, the official contender for Peter Keenan's title . . . The latter was outboxed and outpunched by the sepia coloured African over ten rounds . . . John Hazel (Jamaica), 136¼, won on points, over ten rounds against Jimmy O'Connell (Liverpool), 136 . . . Pat McAteer (Birkenhead), 155, stopped Frankie Webb (Wigan), 154, in the third . . . Cliff Spinks (Golbourne), 132, outpointed Chris Rafferty (St Helens), 130, in a sparkling six rounder.

LEYTON.—Billy Dean (Woolwich), 174½, stopped Eric Thompson (Jamaica), 172¾, in the second round when the referee intervened after Thompson had taken several counts . . . Ken Bebbington (West Ham), 149, won on points over Alby Harris (Poplar), 148, after six rounds . . . Pat Berry (Bethnal Green), 142½, defeated Tommy Organ (Bethnal Green), 143, on points in a six-round bout . . . Peter Hill (Leyton), 127¾, had to fight hard to win a points decision over Dave Hannel (Paddington), 127¾, at the end of six rounds . . . Reg Fisher (Leyton), 143½, outpointed Jack Koffi (Gold Coast), 143¾, in a 6 round contest.

EPSOM.—Dennis Fewkes (Nottingham) and Vic Phayer (Woolwich), two of our young cruiserweights, put up a stirring battle for eight rounds, before Fewkes was returned the winner . . . Frank Parkes, Nottingham lightweight, boxed well to gain a points win over Danny Hurley (Morden) after eight rounds . . . Teddy Gardner (Croydon) did well to outpoint Johnny Godfrey

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(Month Ending December 15, 1952)

HEAVYWEIGHT	CRUISERWEIGHT	MIDDLEWEIGHT	WELTERWEIGHT
1. Johnny Williams (E)	Randolph Turpin (E)	Randolph Turpin (E)	Gerald Dreyer (SA)
2. Ansel Adams (T)	Yolande Pompee (T)	Alex Buxton (E)	Cliff Curvis (W)
3. Tommy Farr (W)	Dennis Powell (W)	Duggie Miller (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
4. Earl Walls (C)	Dave Williams (W)	Joe Munro (SA)	Johnny Greco (C)
5. Johnny Arthur (SA)	Garnett Denny (I)	Joe Maseko (SA)	Len Dittmar (A)
6. Don Cockell (E)	George Walker (E)	Jimmy Davis (E)	Wally Thom (E)
7. Frank Bell (E)	Albert Finch (E)	Gordon Hazel (E)	Tommy Burns (A)
8. Reg Andrews (E)	Brian Anders (E)	Wally Beckett (E)	Peter Fallon (E)
9. Paddy Slavin (I)	Don Scott (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Fitzie Pruden (C)
10. James J. Parker (C)	Billy Dean (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Israel Boyle (WA)

LIGHTWEIGHT	FEATHERWEIGHT	BANTAMWEIGHT	FLYWEIGHT
Frank Johnson (E)	Roy Ankarah (WA)	Jimmy Carruthers (A)	Jake Tuli (SA)
Armand Savoie (C)	Ronnie Clayton (E)	Vic Toweel (SA)	Terry Allen (E)
Ivor Germain (BG)	Sammy McCarthy (E)	Peter Keenan (S)	Jimmy Pearce (E)
George Dunn (C)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Hogan (Kid) Bassey (N)	Eric Marsden (E)
Tommy McGovern (E)	Freddie King (E)	Stan Rowan (E)	Joe Cairney (S)
Joe Lucy (E)	Tommny Miller (S)	Fernando Gagnon (C)	Vic Herman (S)
George Barnes (A)	Teddy Peckham (E)	Tommy Icke (E)	Taffy Hancock (A)
Frank Flannery (A)	Sammy Bonnici (E)	Manny (Kid) Francis (WA)	Marcus Temple (SA)
Cliff Anderson (BG)	Benny (Kid) Chocolate (WA)	Frankie Williams (E)	Johnny Black (E)
Al Brown (BG)	Ray Coleman (A)	John Kelly (I)	

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (I) Ireland; (M) Malta; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

(Blackfriars) over six rounds of a welterweight contest.

Solly Cantor (Canada), 138, ran into a tartar in Jacques Prigent (France), 135, for in the second round, the Frenchman had him on the canvas from a right to the jaw. . . . In the fifth Cantor received a bad cut nose, and it was stopped in the favour of Prigent. . . . Joe Lucy (Mile End), 136½, was in hurry when he fought Emmett Kenny (Liverpool), 137¾, for after 2½ minutes of the first round Emmett was on the canvas taking the count from a terrific left to the jaw. . . . Charle Tucker (Camberwell), 127½, and Stan Skinkiss (Manchester), 128, fought eight spirited rounds to a draw. . . . Fred (Nosher) Powell (Walworth), 198, stopped Morrie Bush (Harrow), 186, in the third round. . . . Ron Harman (Brighton), 199½, outpointed Wally Curtis (Swindon), 183, in a hard fought bout over six rounds. . . . Dinkie White (Islington), 160¾, outpointed Frankie Russell (Stepney), 159½, over six rounds.

WALSALL.—Roy Baird (Birmingham), 146½, defeated Santos Martin (West Africa), 147¼, after eight rounds. . . . Willie Croke (Leamington), 138, outpointed the hard hitting Emrys Jones (Trefonen), 136½, in six round contest. . . . Lew Turner (Dudley), 148, stopped Jack Simms (Barnsley), 149, in the fifth round. . . . Bernard Smith (Walsall), 175, outpointed Jim Shrewsbury (Derby), 175, in a hard punching six round bout. . . . Joe James (Walsall), 118, received the decision over Syd Millinson (Dudley), 120, at the end of six rounds.

NEWCASTLE.—Ben (Swordfish) Lokko (West Africa), 174, outpointed Jimmy Carroll (Stockport), 179½, over eight rounds. . . . Wally Mays (Hull), 145, stopped Tommy O'Neill (Salford), 143¾, in the fifth round. . . . Roy Bennett (Salford), 135½, and Billy Connor (St. Helens), 136¼, fought a draw after eight spirited rounds. . . . Hugh Ferns (Greenock), 199¾, outpointed Alex Roman (Salford), 191¼, over six rounds.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—Wally Beckett (Carshalton), 163¼, was a clear points winner over Ray Folami (West Africa), 158½, at the end of eight rounds. . . . Kenny Taylor (Norwich), 140, stopped Jimmy McLachlan (Hackney), 137¾, in the fifth round. . . . Clive Campling (Norwich), 139½, boxed well to defeat Leyson Thomas (Croydon), 134, in the sixth round when the referee intervened in Campling's favour. . . . Len Jarvis (Norwich), 159½, gained a convincing points win over Ken Mullins (Jamaica), 160, over six rounds. . . . Cliff Giles (Linton), 120, won on points over Paddy Hyland (Ireland), 117, after six rounds.

CHELTENHAM.—Terry Ratcliffe (Bristol), 144½, outpointed Joe Corcoran (Huddersfield), 149, over eight rounds. . . . Bryn Jones (Bristol), 151, forced the referee to intervene in his favour after he had Alf Lay (Chelsea), 154, in a bad way with a cut eye in the second round. . . . Ken Wyatt (Minehead), 182, gained a points decision over Fred Bray (Theydon Bois) over six rounds. . . . Phillip Edwards (Grangetown), 138¾, stopped Johnny Williamson (Gloucester), 132, in the fourth round. . . . Len Jones (Kentish Town), 152¼, outpointed Fred Balio (West Africa), 156, over six rounds. . . . Ken Ryan (Highbury), 126, knocked out Jimmy Butler (Goldthorpe), 126¼, in the second round.

BLACKPOOL.—Al Browne (British Guiana), 134½, gained a clever points victory over Ricky McCullough (Belfast), 134½, over ten rounds. . . . Steve Trainor (Manchester), 126, and Irvin Newton (Thorne), 128, gave all they had for eight rounds, the bout ending in a draw. . . . Tommy Foss (Preston), 124, caused the referee to intervene in his favour when he defeated Les Herbert (Widnes), 125, in the fourth round. . . . Jim Chadwick (Wigan), 112, knocked out Jimmy Shaw (Liverpool), 115, in the fourth round.

BELFAST.—Jim Keery (Lisburn), 142, stopped Fred Archer (Husknall), 142, within two minutes of the first round. . . . George O'Neill (Belfast), 117½, deserved his points win over Len Shaw (Rotherham), 119½, at the end of eight rounds. . . . Johnson Coffi (West Africa), 157¾, gained a narrow points decision over Pat McAllister (Belfast), 156, after eight rounds. . . . Jim Fisher (Belfast), 125½, and Billy Smith (Bangor), 126¼, fought eight rounds to a draw.

LIVERPOOL.—Stan Rowan (Liverpool), 124, was declared the winner over Glyn Evans (Askern), 126, within 72 seconds of the tenth and last round. . . . The decision of disqualification was rather harsh on Evans, although behind on points, and he had himself to blame, as he was previously cautioned for the use of his head. . . . Irvin Newton (Thorne), 131½, with his southpaw style, puzzled Bola Lawal (Nigeria), 127½, in their eight-round bout and the former won the bout on points. . . .

Ronnie Clayton, back home after a brief visit to America, recently stopped French opponent Marcel Auclair.

Pat McCarthy (Birkenhead), 130, stopped Tommy Foss (Preston), 125, in the fifth round.

WALWORTH.—Laurie McShane (Glasgow) was adjudged to have outpointed Brian Jelly (Bury) at the end of their eight round bout. . . . Gene Caffrey (Glasgow) gained a points decision over Rolly Blyce (Trinidad) at the end of eight rounds. . . . Peter Longo (Covent Garden) won comfortably on points against Denny Taylor (High Wycombe) in a six round middleweight contest. . . . Syd Reardon (Kilburn) won narrowly on points after six rounds against Harry Dumas (Bermondsey) in a middleweight contest. . . . Jimmy Tippett (Greenwich), a lightweight with a future, won his 20th straight when he outpunched and outfought Doug Sherlock (Oxford) scoring a KO in the second round. . . . Harry Wilcox (Stepney) stopped Alf Gange (Bermondsey) in the fifth round.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.—The contest between Don Cockell (Battersea), 197, and Frank Bell (Barnoldswick), 207, proved a satire. Cockell won in the eighth round when the referee intervened. . . . The contest between Jake Tuli (British Empire flyweight champion), 113¾, and Honore Pratesi (ex-French flyweight champion), 114¾, over ten rounds saw the fans cheering both on. The referee Jack Hart, declared Tuli the winner on points.

A sad thing happened about half an hour after the contest. Pratesi came back into the Arena, and in conversation with THE RING correspondent, said, that he thought that when he finished stronger than Tuli, and well winning the last round, he was certain that the referee would raise his hand as the winner. . . . Soon after he was taken sick, and was taken away in a coma. . . . After two operations he died at The London Hospital thirty-six hours later.

BELFAST.—John Kelly, the clever Belfast bantamweight, 119, kept his unbeaten certificate when he outpointed Neville Tetlow, (Manchester), 118¼, over eight rounds. . . . Tommy Armour (Belfast), 159, pulled out a peach of a punch in the seventh round to knock out Tony McTigue (Wigan), 153. . . . Al Sharpe (Belfast), 134½, outpointed Dick Ashcroft (Manchester), 135¼, in an eight-round contest. . . . Cliff Garvey (Dundalk), 156, outpointed Victor Simpson (Belfast), 156, over eight rounds.

BLACKPOOL.—Leslie McKenzie (South Africa), 146¼, caused the referee to intervene in his favour to save Owen Trainor (Manchester), 145, from unnecessary punishment during the fifth round. . . . Tony Sharrock (Wigan), 151, outpointed Phil Mellish (Stalybridge), 150, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Duckworth (Preston), 142, stopped Ron Kilshaw (Blackpool), 142, in the third round when the latter received a bad cut eye.

ST. AUSTELL.—Roy Coote (Falmouth), lightweight champion of the Western area, stopped Mickey Green (Warrington) in the fifth round, the referee intervening, after the latter had taken several counts. . . . Buck Taylor (Plymouth) outpointed Ray Sprackling (Falmouth) in a hard hitting six-round featherweight bout. . . . Jackie Phillips (Truro) stopped Alec Carney (Plymouth) in the second round of a middleweight contest.

HOXTON.—Bobby Boland (Dundee), 120½, outpointed Jimmy Cardew (Holloway), 123, in an eight round bout. . . . Jimmy James (Jamaica), 173, and Joey Parsons (Ilford), 173¾, fought a hard eight round to a draw. . . . Dennis Hallett (Islington), 131¾, knocked out Johnny Nicholson (Bethnal Green), 136½, in the first round. . . . Hyman Kern (Bethnal Green), 136¾, knocked out Alby Brown (Islington), 138, with a perfect right to the jaw, in the second round. . . . Johnny Nash (Dartford), 143, outpointed Jack Kofi (Gold Coast), 142¾, over six rounds. . . . Danny Lambert (Stoke Newington), 128, outpointed Peter Menzies (Luton), 122, over 6 rounds.

DERBY.—Tommy Icke, 120, caused a mild sensation when he punched Manny (Kid) Francis (Gold Coast), 120, to a standstill, and the referee wisely stopped the contest at the end of the first round, as Francis was in no condition to carry on. . . . Jim Lindley (Doncaster), 158, gained a close points win over Bert Stoker (Salford), 153½, after six rounds. . . . Billy Cobb (Chesterfield), 135, outpointed Colin Malone (Lincoln), 130, over six rounds. . . . Alf Price (Worcester), 173, knocked out Peter Wain (Heage), 170, in the fourth round. . . . Johnny Simm (Doncaster), 149½, outpointed Dennis Bonsor (Wolverhampton), 146, over six rounds.

EMPRESS HALL.—LONDON.—(Smiling) Sammy McCarthy (Stepney), 127, gained a most spectacular points win over Jim Kenny (Polmont), 126, over ten rounds. . . . This was McCarthy's first ten rounder, and he fought a fast bout without showing any worse for wear. . . . In a hard hitting ten round contest, Gordon Hazell (Bristol), 161, was awarded the decision by a narrow margin against Jacques Royer-Crecy, 162¾. . . . Johnny Wright (Enfield), 158, defeated George Roe (Wolverhampton), 160¼, in the second round, when the latter had to retire with a damaged hand. . . . Johnny Barnham (Fulham), 117¼, outpointed Ken Diston (Hendon), 118¼, in spirited six-round bout. . . . Noel Sinfield (Barnsley), 146, stopped (Chin) Chetty (South Africa), 146½, in the fifth round. . . . Peter Longo (Covent Garden), 157¼, stopped Eddie Clancy (Ireland), 160¾, in the second round. . . . Peter Hill (Leyton), 128, stopped Brian Goodwin (Fulham), 127¼, in the third round when the latter received a bad cut eye.

HASTINGS.—Tommy McGovern (Walworth), 138, gained a points victory over Claude Dennington (Peckham), 139½, after eight interesting rounds. . . . Billy Webber (Wandsworth) outpointed Ronnie Attrell (Brighton) in a six-round middleweight contest. . . . Tony Haines (Slough), 146, and Tommy Finlay (Boyton), 140½, fought six rounds to a draw. . . . Alf Clarke (Bow), 124, and Charlie Woods (Brighton), 118½, fought six rounds to a draw. . . . Johnny Cheatle (Portsmouth), 137, won on points after six hard hitting rounds against Steve Apollo (Brighton), 137½. . . . Johnny Powell (Morden), 126, and Billy Daniels (Bow), 129½, fought six rounds to a draw.

LIVERPOOL.—Jimmy O'Connell (Liverpool), 135¼, a southpaw with a future, gained the best win of his short career, when he outpointed Johnny Mahlangu (South African non-European lightweight champion), 137½, in ten-round contest. . . . Mickey Flanagan (Biekenhead), 137½, made a successful return to the ring with a points win over Ronnie Wormall (Birmingham), 136¼, at the end of eight rounds. . . . Pat McAteer (Birkenhead), 155, stopped Tommy Hilton (Rochdale), 163, in the fifth round.

MANCHESTER.—Ronnie Clayton (Blackpool), 129¼, had an easy journey with his French opponent Marcel Auclair, 126¾. The referee stopped the one-sided contest when Auclair had received a bad cut eye in the fifth round. . . . Vic Herman (Glasgow), 116, gained a narrow points win over Andrew Jasse (France), 116, after 10 fast and hard hitting rounds. . . . Hogan (Kid) Bassey (West Africa), 120½, proved too good for Tommy Proffitt (Manchester), 121, and taking severe punishment, the latter retired at the end of the seventh round. . . . Alby Tissong (South Africa), 129, outpointed Ali Ramdane (Algiers), 128¼, over ten rounds. . . . Sammy Bonnici (Stepney), 125¾, gained a points win over Benny Chocolate (Gold Coast), 125, after eight rounds. . . . Steve Trainor (Manchester), 127¼, stopped Chris Kelly (Liverpool), 127, in the sixth and last round.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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chance to win the "interim" title while Saddler is wearing the Army uniform, can appreciate the difference between a master and a novice.

THE loss of the world bantamweight title by Vic Toweel to Jimmy Carruthers of Australia has caused considerable anguish to the boxing followers in South Africa. To them, Vic was an idol. He meant as much to South Africans as did Benny Leonard to New Yorkers when he was in his prime.

Until Toweel came to the front, boxing was almost at a standstill in Johannesburg and nearby localities but after he won the crown, even the boys who are non-Europeans, as they are called, took up the sport and put Durban, Liberia and other sectors on the fistic map. Today, pugilism is as big a form of entertainment in South Africa, North Africa and the Gold Coast, especially in Nigeria, as are any other athletic competitions.

His, for a time, was the only really great boxing name in South Africa. Not so, today, however. Toweel, though he has been shorn of his crown, has done more for the sport in his country than any other pugilist in the entire Union of South Africa.

A fine champion has been dethroned, but he'll soon get a chance to regain the title in a return bout with Carruthers.

WHAT ARE LA STARZA'S CHANCES?

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mates to help you out of a spot. If a fighter happens to make a mistake, nobody can come along and help him out. A fighter makes a mistake in the ring and he suffers for it."

LA STARZA was confronted with the slander that his ability to think is a handicap in the ring. Once again he was being called upon to justify his exposition to higher education.

"I don't think the ability to think is a handicap," he sought to explain. "When I think, I think of my well-being. If I take a beating in every fight, where will I end up? No fighter can afford to do that if he wants to last. How long do you think Marciano is going to last getting slugged as he does in the ring? Me, I'll go on forever."

This was an obvious allusion to the punching duel in which Marciano wrested the championship from Jersey Joe Walcott, in the pit, in the marshy stretch of real estate known as Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia.

The question of Marciano's span really doesn't concern LaStarza, if the good-looking, 25-year-old fighter is to be taken at his word. He is concerned rather with his own future.

"Marciano," he insisted, "doesn't want to fight me. When we fought that great fight more than two years ago everybody said a return was inevitable. It's still inevitable, but it won't come off."

Both LaStarza and Marciano went into that meeting undefeated in professional competition. LaStarza, who had turned professional in 1947, a year before Marciano, had won 37 in a row, 17 by knockouts, a respectable average. Marciano went into the fight with an unbesmirched string of 24 victories, 22 by knockout.

Marciano is still undefeated. La Starza has been beaten three times. Dan Bucceroni, swift-hitting Philadelphia 179-pounder, upset him in Madison Square Garden in December, 1951. Thereafter, La Starza humbled Bucceroni with the ease of a man taking a stroll. He scored plural knockdowns and acquitted himself in such stirring fashion as to revive hopes for his future.

HE was moving along apace until he ran into Jones in Akron, on a night he regarded as just another day in the week. Manager DeAngelo was so confident of LaStarza's superiority over Jones, he didn't make the trip from The Bronx to the Ohio enclave. He stayed at home and waited word of victory. Instead, he received a night letter. It was bordered in black.

There was much mourning among LaStarza's supporters, but DeAngelo announced his recovery from the shock simultaneously with the beginning of negotiations for the return. Even though some believe LaStarza could have been brighter in the turnabout against Jones, neither fighter nor manager was disappointed.

"All we got to do now," said DeAngelo, "is to get Marciano into the ring."

It is patent that both fighter and manager will settle for something less. Both believe that a meeting with Rex Layne, the refurbished round boy from Utah, is the next step in the rehabilitation of LaStarza.

"I think that's a logical fight," DeAngelo insists. He says this with uncertainty, knowing well that the odds, and the plans of the International Boxing Club, are arrayed against him.

IF portents and signs count for anything but black magic, all indications are that Layne is being swaddled in jeweler's cotton pending about next June with Marciano. The schedule calls for: Marciano-Walcott in March and Marciano-Layne in June. Thereafter, the program is in the lap of the gods and in the mind of James Dougan Norris, the talisman of the International Boxing Club.

Not even DeAngelo would stoop to deny that the etiquette of commercialism makes necessary a second meeting of Marciano and Walcott. "We'll wait," he says.

Beyond this, however, he is fit to be tied, which he is—in the red-tape of boxing politics.

"What are they going to prove with a Marciano-Layne fight?" the manager demands.

When no answer is forthcoming, and it never is, DeAngelo proceeds to answer his own rhetoric.

"That's a match of convenience," he asserts. "Marciano knocked Layne out in six rounds more than a year ago. Since then he was knocked out by Ezzard Charles. Okay, so he got a win over Charles, but it was one of those close ones they say could have gone either way. Layne hasn't done anything since.

"The only guy who holds a decision over LaStarza—a decision we didn't reverse—is Marciano. Everybody knows my guy licked him in the first time. They should fight again to settle it."

They may, in time.

NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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been formed called the "Bonecrushers of America" . . . a fan club for the midget grapplers who seem to have caught on in many localities.

Boston, Mass., played host to a card of wrestling with the purpose of shaving a piece of the profits for the Mayor's Festival Fund . . . undoubtedly a worthwhile affair. Wladek Kowalski went back to "Nature Boy" Rogers who scored two straight falls over the killer. Buddy scored first with a cross leg lock and took the second when the referee, former heavyweight knockout king, Jack Dempsey thought Kowalski was too rough on "Nature".

Rumor has it that Jim Londos might be brought back to the Garden in the near future. . . . We like Jim and his wrestling but feel that the fans would rather see newer faces under the big top.

Some men like to give away the shirt on their back but rare is the man who likes to have it ripped off. Jim McCarthy who does the announcing at the South Main Armory at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had his shirt rendered unwearable by Strangler White. White replaced the shirt.

"Tarzan" Kowalski grappled to a draw with Pat O'Connor in the main event at the Boston Arena. Pat took the first fall with a dropkick and top body press in 34:10 and Kowalski used the same holds to gain his fall in 4:49. The one-hour time limit ran out before either man could gain a decisive fall.

GYPSY JOE, the new 185 pound NWA champion, who recently won that title from Johnny Balbo at Chicago, will shortly be awarded a belt by Sam Muchnick, president of the National Wrestling Alliance emblematic of that crown.

Joe should be a good champ as he is colorful and gives the fans action plus. It is oft disputed by man and wife as to who is the guiding light in the household (those of us who are married know the answer) but when it comes to the Gypsy's ring career it is his wife who does the managing and seconding. A tough hombre who can take care of himself in any company we are sure that Joe will become an even greater television favorite than he has been in the past.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

DANNY NARDICO, facing a taller, heavier Dan Bucceroni in New York's Madison Square Garden, lost the ten-round decision to the dangerous-punching Philadelphian but earned the plaudits of every fan there for his uphill fight. He is giving his home town, Tampa, plenty of favorable publicity.

In his first appearance at Miami Beach for Promoter Chris Dundee, rough-tough Glen Flanagan, of St. Paul, won every tab and a ten-round decision over Diego Sosa, veteran Cuban at the MB Auditorium on December 2. Continuously on the go from start to finish, Flanagan gave Sosa little time to fight, mainly to stay on the defensive and counter when he could. A knockdown in the first round resulted when Glen gunned Sosa with a left hook but the crafty Islander got up at nine and fought his way out of further trouble. Pitching leather at a rapid pace, the Minnesotan, fighting as a lightweight, used a variety of punches, jabs, hooks and crosses for the one-sided though still interesting fight. The crowd was 2,376; the gate, $5,184. Weights: Flanagan, 134½, the loser at 132½.

Results of the Flanagan-Sosa undercard: In the eight-round semi, Bobby Layne, 156, Kannapolis, N. C., defeated Jimmy Jewell, 161, Birmingham. Billy Lauderdale, 141¾, Hieleah, won an unpopular six rounder from Johnny Pape, 142½, New York City. Irish Johnny Mack, 157, Miami, whipped Dennis Woodberry, 153, San Antonio, in four. Skippy Yoham, 148½, Miami, kayoed Tony Aciego, 144, New York City, in 55 seconds of the first round. Buddy Mayfield, 162, bested Gene Louis, 159, in a four rounder between Miamians.

A shrewd Ray Lee outsmarted Jimmy Jewell in a ten-round main event at Jacksonville, and carried back to Fort Benning where he is a paratrooper, a second decision over the Birmingham boy. Lee outfought Jewell most of the way but had plenty respect for Jimmy's jarring right handers to the jaw. The winner at 152, and the loser at 154.

Hunce Lanier, 157, Washington, D. C., and Irish Johnny Mack, 152, Miami, stole the show in a slam-bang six-round semi-final. Lanier got the decision but he probably never fought so hard. He dropped Mack in the fourth but the Miamian was up at the bell for another round. He sure made it uncomfortable for Lanier and the fans, only several hundred, applauded the stirring slugfest. Petie Ridgway, promising lightweight from Miami, won his second duke from Bob Ritter, 132, Green Cove Navy and Cleveland, and by far was the classiest looking boxer on the card. Petie, 132, punished the game Ritter to the head and body with fast combinations and dropped him for an eight-count in the fourth. The son of Trainer and former fighter Allie Ridgway it appears that young Petie has the stuff to go a long way in boxing. He is the best lightweight prospect we've seen here in years. This was a six-round affair.

Mickey Dunn, 140, Jacksonville, knocked out Bob Cicalone, same weight and from Miami, in the second heat. Dunn dropped his foe three times. Johnny Guebara, 132, San Antonio, knocked out Bob Yantis, 132, Charleston and Daytona Beach, in the fourth round. Yantis hit deck four times including the fatal count. Bill Kaye promoted and Hymie Levine did the matching. It was their last show in Jacksonville after dropping around $1800.

Jerry Mock, Pensacola sports editor, comments in his popular sports column the need of a boxing commission in his city. There are others like Jerry who would welcome a State body more since it would mean health and prosperity to the sport, although there'll be some promoters who won't agree with us. It's just what boxing needs in Florida. Outside of several fight spots, one ean do just about anything he likes in Florida. We are now waiting to hear from Governor-elect Dan McCarty, of Fort Pierce, whom we understand is a boxing follower and would care to see a State commission exist.

Jack Kelly, Cleveland fight manager, is in Aiken, S. C. with two boxers, Harold Darlington and Bubba Mosely, both light-heavyweights. On the Bill Wilson-Frank Pulaski card in Augusta, Harold and Bubba waged a terrific fight, says Kelly. And according to Kelly's info, Billy Smith, the Atlanta, Aiken and Miami heavyweight, who lost a tenner to Guard Wyatt in Spartanburg, has been on the losing end too often to make any headway in boxing.

Louis Pericola is promoting in Mobile, Alabama and his first show featured Joey Hartegan and Dave Meredith, which was taken by Hartegan by a TKO in four. The show was good and the fight fans there were enthused. Good luck, Lou.

Coley Wallace, formerly ranked high in THE RING Magazine ratings gets back in The Big Ten after his six-round kayo over number five Bob Dunlap at Detroit. Wallace is a Jacksonville boy. He is a heavyweight.

Dave Meredith, veteran Pensacola boxer, couldn't cope with Joey Hartegan, of New Orleans and lost by a technical knockout in four rounds to the Crescent City battler at Mobile, Alabama.

Candy McDaniels, Orlando heavyweight, stopped John Henry Lillard, 195, Patrick Air Force Base, in two rounds at Daytona Beach. The main event was refereed by former middleweight champ Rocky Graziano, who acted in the same capacity in the semi.

In other bouts, Eugene Ricks, local, decisioned Johnny Ortega, PAFB, in a four. Danny O'Keefe, 147, Cambridge, Mass., beat Harry (Kid) Matthews (not to be confused with the Seattle light-heavyweight and heavyweight contender), 145, PAFB. Mickey McNeil, Apopka, kayoed Willie Lacey, 159, Palatka, in two. Bob Yantis, Charleston, stopped Horace Smith, 129, PAFB, in two.

Yantis then was brought to Jacksonville by Promoter Saul Weingeroff and he was stopped by Johnny Guebara in the fourth round the following day.

Jimmy Smith, 174, local, beat Bill Reddell, 170, local, and Red Humphrey, 118, whipped Paddy Emerson, 115, both local.

Jack Harding was an improved heavyweight when he met Red Cameron, of Miami, in a return engagement at Pensacola. So improved was Jack that he evened the score with Cameron, taking the ten-round main event in a good bout for Promoter Don Boggess. Kid Wilson gained a close nod over Ellis Starkey in a sixer. Bobby Hardy won over Johnny Noreiga by a split vote. Flash Bouldin stopped James Marcus in the second. Gene Smith TKO'd Tommy Hatcher in the third round. Smith had too much class for Hatcher.

Johnny Ortega, a welterweight from Patrick Air Force Base, won another at Daytona Beach, TKOing Cleveland Cusack, 148, of Deland, in the second round. Danny O'Keefe, 149, local, TKO'd Jim Mackall, 150, PAFB, in three. Vernon Thoe, 135, PAFB, stunned the crowd with a decision over Bobby Yantis, 129, Charleston and Daytona Beach boxer. James Hall, 160, local, drew with Young Beau Jack II, 150, Orlando; Red Humphrey, 120, DB, TKO'd James Daniels, 125, DB, in two; Useless Washington, 140, local, beat Harry Anderson, 135, local. Candy McDaniels, 180, Orlando, and Earl Priestly, 152, PAFB, were in a four round exhibition. Saul Weingeroff promoted.

Earl Priestly, Patrick Air Force Base, 151, had a good fight on his hands but his class was just a bit more than Eman Peck, 150, Tampa, could chew at Daytona Beach. Priestly took a close decision, dropping his man to help for the win. In a bout in which each boy made his pro debut, John Lahoskey, 175, former University of Tampa quarterback, TKO'd Leonard Schoenthal, 175, PAFB, in one. Vernon Thoe, 140, PAFB, dropped Pepper Smith, 145, Tampa, in every round to win a four heater. Johnny Ortega, 155, PAFB, overcame a first-round knockdown and scored a two-round TKO over Eddie Hayes, 150, Palatka. Graveyard Walters, 180, DB, kayoed The Panther, 178, DB, in two. Jimmy Smith, 175, DB, beat Larry Mitchell, 172, PAFB. Young Joe Louis, 127, Tampa, kayoed Harry Anderson, 135, DB.

The Miami Beach Auditorium, where Chris Dundee promotes, could be called the House of Upsets and no one will dispute the statement. Down here the top man is somewhat shaky since underdogs have spilled the dope more than the law of averages require. Take Tony Cimmino as an example. The Bayonne, N. J., battler forgot the 9-5 odds against him on November 25 and belted Marcel Brisebois, of Montreal, Canada, for the ten-round decision at Dundee's elaborate emporium. He gained all three votes of the officials. The card drew 2,011 customers and a gate of $4,711. Tony tipped the Toledoes at 148, and Marcel, 147½.

Results of the Cimmino-Brisebois undercard: George Knowles, 161½, Nassau, Bahamas, continued his fine work in Miami Beach rings with a three round TKO over Jimmy Johnson, 167, Miami Springs. Johnson hurt his right hand and had to retire. Hunce Lanier, 159, West Palm Beach and Washington, D. C., drew in a very good sixer with Bobby Layne, 154½, Columbus, Ga. Al McEachern, 205, Coast Guard, TKO'd Bob Ready, 190, Aiken, S. C., in three rounds.

Bob Yantis, Charleston lightie, kayoed Billy Hood, Orlando, in two rounds at Daytona Beach, for Promoter Saul Weingeroff. Vernon Thoe, 135, Patrick Air Force Base, kayoed Clyde Green, 143, in four; Jimmy Smith, 174, Daytona Beach, lost a split duke to Hal Tyler, 175, Patrick Air Force Base, but this being an exhibition does not count as a regular bout. Johnny Ortega, 150, Patrick Air Force Base, kayoed Danny O'Keefe, 149, Daytona Beach, in four. James Daniels, 118, local, beat Harry Anderson, 120, local.

A/2c Eddie A. Nolan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nolan Sr., of Jacksonville and at present serving with Uncle Sam's Air Force in Germany, prefers THE RING Magazine as his favorite reading matter. Beginning with this issue, Eddie will receive THE RING to keep up with his first sports love, boxing. Good Luck, Champ, and to your pals.

This correspondent wonders if Dixie hasn't the oldest fight promoter in the game today in Guy Turpin, at 62 years of age. The Texan was a close friend of two deceased ex-greats, Ray Bronson and Jack Dillon, both originally from Indiana. Guy is a former fighter and manager of Bobby Waugh and Australian Jack Read.

It's too bad the Holly Mims, 153½, vs. Lester Felton, 151, ten rounder at Miami Beach didn't pan out as Promoter Chris Dundee expected. A record crowd of 3,593 followed Chris but they saw a mediocre bout. Mims, a 2½-1 underdog, scored an upset mainly by working inside and punishing Felton's mid-section. Listless Lester, from Detroit, failed to show any of the qualities that gave him two wins over Miami's popular Bobby Dykes. The gate was $9,245, third largest at Dundee's boxing palace.

Oscar Pharo, 184, Birmingham, Ala., and a promising heavyweight prospect who can punch, couldn't get much opposition from Billy Smith, 217, Atlanta and scored a three-round TKO triumph. Topping all for action was the Johnny Pape-Irving Perez four rounder. Pape, 140½ New York City, nodded Perez, 143, Miami, in their humdinger. Andy Mayfield, 166, Miami, TKO'd Bolvin Deveau, 161, Nassau, in three. Irish Johnny Mack, 159, Miami, and Junior Moses, 154, Pittsburgh, fought to a draw in another four. Dennis Woodberry, 151, San Antonio, bested Buddy Frazier, 147¾, in four.

Guard Wyatt, 192, Spartanburg, S. C., gave the home fans a show of his hitting in pasting Billy Smith, of Atlanta, Aiken and Miami at the Shrine Club, in the ten-round feature. Smith and Wyatt had fought a draw in an earlier match but Wyatt showed who was the boss in the returner. The loser tipped 223. Gerald Hester made it another win for Spartanburg, knocking out Lonny Jones, of Greenville, in the first round of a welterweight scrap.

Local fighters kept up their winning ways as Buck Earnhardt knocked out Tom Pounders, of Union, in the second round. They're welters too. Joe Edwards, Spartanburg, TKO'd Bobby Holt, of Union, in the second chapter. Tinsy Vaughan whipped Clyde Scott in a three heater and Rufus Pressley, Spartanburg, whipped localite Harold Pearson in four.

At Augusta, Big Bill Wilson, 200, had the easy dish before him in stopping Lavelle Perkins in the fourth round. Perkins, it is reported to this corner, is a wrestler from Charlotte and his bay front was all there. The paunchy Perkins was dropped several times before referee Tony Medlin stopped it.

Hal Neely TKO'd Bobby Mills, Augusta heavyweight; in the sixth. Charley Ferguson whipped Snooks Howard in six.

They didn't figure Pete Acosta, of New Orleans to give Sonny Luciano, of Paterson, N. J. and Miami, too much fight but Pete fooled them. His aggressive tactics forced the best to come out of Sonny and the Jersey boy ended well to take a split duke at Pensacola. Acosta was dropped five times.

Ellis Starkey and Johnny Patrick travelled to a six-round draw in the curtain raiser. Bob Clark fought well at long range to decision Pete Taylor. It was a split call. Mike Percotte, a tall, lanky leftie from New Orleans handed local Peck Norris his first pro defeat. This was for six. A low blow in the sixth cost Norris the round. Bill Boggess promoted. In the top go, Acosta fought as a lightweight.

All Southern boxing results and notes are welcomed for publication in this here corner and please forward before the third of each month. Send all to me and I'll incorporate it in this column. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth St., Jacksonville, Florida. Our phone number is 6-0182. Fighters without any managerial tie-ups can do well by writing here also.

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THE BALD EAGLE PASSES

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A plague had killed many of the miners and hundreds were very ill. On the day of the fight a wind swept down the mountainside and chilled even the stout-hearted miners who were accustomed to freezing weather.

"A bitter, biting blizzard blocked the roads and the footpaths through the hills were clogged and covered with snow drifts. The railroads carrying fight fans were unable to reach their destination and many were numbed and stiffened by the breath of the mountain king. Even many who were at the scene were frost-bitten.

"Such were the conditions under which we had to stage the Gans-Herman battle. Among the spectators was Tex Rickard. It was my first introduction to Tex. Curley and I were standing at the bar talking to Rickard when without warning, a pint-sized miner wearing a heavy beard pitched over at out feet, dead from the plague.

"WE left the place and with Rickard went over to Riley's saloon where I saw the greatest exhibition of courage I have ever witnessed.

"We were having a drink and listening to a melody by the Three White Kuhns. Two friends of Rickard's arrived and Curley and I left him while he stood at the bar with his pals.

"Standing on the side of Rickard was a desperado, known as Larry Sullivan, and with him was Shanghai King of Portland, Ore., a killer of whom all were afraid. Sullivan was looking for trouble and to carry out his plan, he began to annoy Rickard. He bumped into him half a dozen times, abused him and finally offered to shoot it out with him.

"Rickard tried to avoid trouble by asking the fellow to move on but this only riled Sullivan.

"'So you're the great Tex Rickard. You're afraid of your shadow. What's big about you, your head or your feet?'

"Those were only a few of the remarks he let go to get Rickard into a fight.

"Getting no action from Tex, Sullivan pulled his gun and those who knew him and Shanghai King realized that murder was in the offing.

"All eyes were on Rickard. The air was tense. Some patrons made their way to safety. Many backed towards the rear to avoid the expected gunfire. One could almost hear a pin drop while Tex looked Sullivan squarely in the eyes without as much as a quiver.

"Sullivan raised his gun and as he did, Tex, with the swiftness of a panther, shot out his hand and grabbed the gun. A quick twist and the gun was on the floor.

"Rickard shoved Sullivan toward the door and then, in contempt, turned his back on the killer, took up his glass from the bar, completed his drink and in company of his friends, walked slowly out of the saloon.

"Curley and I were amazed at this exhibition of courage and coolness on the part of the man who later was to become the world's greatest promoter. Shortly after Rickard left, we walked out and learned that Sullivan had dropped dead down the street from the plague."

It was stories like that which made Nate Lewis so welcome among the sports scribes.

PRATESI, 1952 TOP FATALITY

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A college student from Colorado School of Mines, Dinald A. Millard, was the third who passed away. He collapsed while boxing in an intramural tournament.

It is interesting to note that for the first time in many years only two deaths were reported with concussion being given as the cause. In Mexico City, Salvador Cerda was knocked out with a body blow in an amateur bout and the autopsy showed that he had suffered a heart attack. Arthur Naidos, injured in the South African amateur championships, suffered from a heart blow, his being the third of the year in which the effects of body blows and not head injuries was the cause of death.

BOXING necrology for 1952 includes the names of many old timer fighters, matchmakers and others in one way or another identified closely with the sport. Among those, was Nate Lewis, the 'Bald Eagle' of Chicago, one of the most famous of the old school of managers. Nate died in a Chicago sanitarium after five years illness.

Dave Sands, holder of the middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight championships of Australia and British Empire middleweight king, died in an auto accident in his native country. He was the most prominent of all pugilists who passed away during the year.

In Australia another famous old timer joined his Maker. Bill Doherty, an octogenarian who fought Kid McCoy in South Africa and who was the Australian middleweight championship at the time that Bob Fitzsimmons held the world middleweight crown, died after a lingering illness. He was one of the most beloved of all pugilists from Down Under. Bill Doherty will be remembered by many *Ring* readers for the splendid articles he contributed to this publications on past masters of the roped square.

DOMINICK TORTORICH of New Orleans, another octogenarian, passed away at the age of 87. Dominick was at one time the Tex Rickard of southern boxing promotion. He staged fights in New Orleans in which some of the world's greatest gladiators participated.

During the first quarter of the century he had a sort of monoply on the bantam title with Kid Williams, Johnny Coulon and Peter Herman doing much of their fighting for him. Abe Attell, Battling Nelson, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Freddie Welsh, Harry Greb, Jack Dillon, Jeff Smith, Benny Leonard, Frankie Burns, Gene Tunney, Jack Dempsey, Pancho Villa, Johnny Buff and Young Stribling were among the stars of pugilism who worked for Dominick.

Ashton Donza, a referee, also passed away in New Orleans. He was the third ex-fighter in recent years to suffer a fatal heart attack while refereeing. Donza, a native of the Crescent City, was a brilliant prospect when he turned pro in 1920. He was a bantam.

One of the original White Hopes who made the headlines, Bearcat Tom McMahon, died in Cleveland at the age of 62.

J. Frank Black, member of Newark's famous "Four Horsemen," who promoted big-time stuff in New Jersey when boxing was barred in New York from 1917 to 1920, was another year's casualty. Black was 84.

Young Josephs, 67 years old, one of the most popular performers in the old Winderland Club of London and holder of the first Lord Lonsdale Belt for the British welterweight title when he defeated Jack Goldswain, died in October, in London.

And in Australia another famous old timer joined the greats of the past in Valhalla, Fritz Holland. He was 66 years old. Fritz was the first American opponent to face Les Darcy. In 1914, when Les was only 18 and just beginning to attract attention, he lost twice to his more experienced American visitor, once in a twenty-round bout in which he dropped the decision and on a disqualification in the eighteenth round in their second encounter. The next Year Darcy won by a knockout in the thirteenth and by a decision in twenty rounds. Holland liked Australia so much that he decided to make it his home.

When
Will MARCIANO Defend His Crown?
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Read the March Ring for the answer

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

AT Waterbury, before 1500 fans, Irish Pat Mallane, 133½, Union City was awarded a sixth-round TKO over George (Curley) Monroe, 133, Worcester. Monroe who was leading by 4 points going into the sixth round, having won 3 rounds with 2 even, apparently got too cute for his own good. He shifted to a southpaw using only his right hand with his left dropped to his side. This led referee Joe Howard to believe Monroe hurt his left arm, and as referee Howard later said, he asked Monroe three times if his arm was O.K. but when Monroe didn't answer, Howard stepped in and stopped the fight awarding a TKO win to Mallane. Referee Joe Howard was eventually suspended by the commissioner for not calling in the attending physician to check Monroe.

IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

SIOUX CITY, IA.—Nelson Levering, the Macy, Nebr., welterweight moved into the Sioux City Auditorum for a one-night stand and scored an eight-round TKO over Jentrice O'Neill of St. Paul in a ten-round event. Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion was the third man. The popular Indian battler from Nebraska landed his kayo punch on the speedy Minnesota negro near the end of the seventh round with a wild flurry that put O'Neill nearly out when the bell rang a sweet toll. A few more punches in the eighth ended O'Neill who was on rubber legs. Rocky Marciano made a smart move and raised Levering's hand before another knockdown could be scored.

In the other bouts Billy Bryson, 180, Omaha, won referee Leo Mahon's nod over Wade Miller, 205, Sioux City, in a six rounder; Billy Tyree, 162, Omaha, won a sixer over Lenny Craig, 165, also of Omaha; Wayne DeCora, 145, Sioux City, scored over Bobby Lawson, 148, Council Bluffs in four; Elmer Smith, 167, San Antonio, Tex., beat Georgie Blackstone, 173, Omaha, in four.

REMEMBER BACK IN 1922. . . . Such fighters as Harry Wills, Tommy Gibbons, Bill Brennan, Bob Martin, Bill Tate, Jack Johnson, Billy Miske, Carl Morris, Georges Carpentier were the leaders in a voting contest to see who would meet Jack Dempsey for the title? . . . Tommy Gibbons was getting ready to meet Harry Greb in New York March 13, 1922. . . . Mickey Walker was being billed as a fast hitter with a wonderful punch. . . . A fighter by the name of Dynamite George, middleweight from Los Angeles, was the big talk around Oakland.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . THE RING record book will soon go to press—if your record fails to appear, blame yourself. . . . Get your records into THE RING office without delay. . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, St., Sioux City, Ia. . . . Our phone number is 86849. . . . The entry list for the nineteenth annual Sioux City Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament is now open.

See you next month. Best wishes for 1953.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By George Ross

HOLYOKE. — LeRoy Coleman, Newark, N. J., 160, scored a unanimous decision over Lino Armenteros of Havana, Cuba, 163½, in an eight-round bout at the Valley Arena. Barry Allison, Westover Field, Mass., 146, won a unanimous decision over Al McLennon, Hartford, 143.

Young Sharkey, Holyoke, fought a three-round draw with Don Moll, Bristol (lightweights).

Don Carlo, Hartford, 151, scored a split decision over Jimmy DeForest, Fisherville, 145, in three rounds. Guy Jutras, Montreal, 147, won his fourth pro fight by gaining a split decision over Angel Chavez, Springfield, 152, in a four.

William Eaton, New Haven, 147, won a TKO over Jimmy Peters, Worster, in 43 seconds of the first round. Young Berry, Hartford, 130, scored a three-round decision over Frankie Palermo, Hartford, 128.

Holyoke.—Miguel Mendevil, Havana, Cuba, 145, defeated Charlie Thompson, Boston, 147, on a TKO in the sixth round. Dick Byers, Bridgeport, 136, beat Tony Simone, New Haven, 137, in three rounds. Young Sharkey, Holyoke, 133, knocked out Al LeTourneau, Providence, 136, in the second round of a three rounder. Jimmy DeForest, Fisherville, 143, KO'd Don Carlo, 141, in the second round of a three. Bobby Stevens, Bridgeport, 135, scored a one-round KO over Young Berry, Hartford, 130, of a three rounder. Carl Stone, Hartford, 153, won a decision over Henry Jones, Bridgeport, 159, in 3.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

THE 1953 boxing season in Cincinnati is slated to get under way on January 21 with the Becker promotions presenting Virgil Akins, lightweight, from St. Louis and Wallace (Buddy) Smith local product in the windup ten.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots. . . . My address is 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio . . . this address available to those who wish the new 1953 promoters and managers guide, one buck per copy, my weekly boxing letter for ten dollars for one year or 52 issues. . . . Ted Ordanick of Fairborn, Ohio, has some excellent fighters under his wing. . . . Nick Turner, well-recorded light-heavy is under the management of Charlie Mason of Columbus, Ohio. . . . D. Owen Arnold of Roanoke, Va., bulletins us that he will start promotions in the southern city early in January. . . . We still must admit to get a world wide reach on fight info you gotta read THE RING. . . . no other. . . . and in closing a very happy and prosperous, healthy New Year to all.

MICHIGAN FISTIC HEADLINES
By Jack Waina

THE Detroit debut of Joey DeJohn would rather be forgotten by the Syracuse lad and his handlers! The slugger was matched with the boxer, Norman Hayes, of Boston, for the I.B.C. at the Olympia Stadium, and became one of the few knockout victims of the New Englander's career.

Both boys felt each other out in the first, but Joey cut Norman along side the right eye in the second, a round he took. In the third, Hayes threw a left hook to the body and his first right hand of the night, sending DeJohn down with a thump. Although he arose, Joey never recovered and hit the deck twice more before referee Johnny Weber halted the affair. The rather sudden ending came as a major surprise as Hayes is looked upon as anything good but a KO puncher.

In the eight-round semi-final, Chuck Speiser, 177, Detroit, packed too much all around ability and experience in battering his way to a decision over Bobby Yore, 174, Chicago. Jed Black had no trouble in TKO'ing a much greener Billy Van Gilden, of Ithaca, N. Y., in the second.

In what turned out to be a relentless brawl, Elmer Lakatos, 136½, Youngstown, Ohio, won a close decision over dangerous Harold (School-Boy) Lyons, 139, Detroit, in the eight-round feature attraction at the Motor City Arena. The fight was so furiously fought that the spectators were on their feet at the end of each round cheering both boys.

Youthful Lyons gained a margin in the early rounds, but his opponent cut this down so that the final round was the deciding one. It was close, but Elmer finished the stronger, although many on hand figured a draw could have justly been rendered. Need I mention there will be a rematch.

It was a good slugging match between middleweights Chuck Coleman, of Detroit, and Gus Rubicini, of Toronto, at the M.C.A. with the latter having the edge going into the last round. Starting the sixth, Rubicini came out punching with both hands impressively, but Coleman connected high on the forehead with a right hand that dropped his opponent. Gus got up, then was dropped again, this time for keeps.

Ken Hohner, 145, London, Ontario, defeated Adrian Hefel, 145, Detroit, in an interesting six, John Barnes, Detroit lightweight, was pressed all the way in beating his fellow townsman, Frank O'Neal, in a four, and Al Cove, Detroit welterweight, and Don Beaver, of London, fought to a draw.

In a hard fought encounter at the Fort Custer Fieldhouse, Jesse Underwood, veteran Detroit lightweight, edged out Harold (School-Boy) Lyons by a split decision in the feature eight rounder. Underwood had to use all his experience gained in some 135 bouts against his youthful but capable opponent to win.

Flint lightweight Larry Watkins, now serving Uncle Sam at the Fort, again won over Jimmy Sparks, of Detroit, in a four. Floyd Fielder, Flint middleweight, KO'd Jimmy Burke, of Milwaukee, in three, as did Chester Rico of Flint's Fred McLarren. A bout between Joe Robson, of Chicago, and Milwaukee's Herman Mills was called no contest when the latter refused to fight.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . Amateur middleweight champion of Austria, in 1950–51, Andy Bachner is going through his paces here and will see pro action shortly. So intent is this lad that he travels from Leamington, Ontario, some 30 miles to Detroit, for his workouts. . . . Harold Lyons, one of THE RING'S December prospects of the month, has lived up to expectations but had his share of tough breaks the last two times out. On both occasions Lyons lost thrillers to Jesse Underwood and Elmer Lakatos, by the closest of margins. . . . Norman Webb's first meeting with George Barry should have been reported a draw instead of a win for Barry.

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Here are my ratings for this section:

Heavyweights.—Embrell Davidson, of Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Summerlin, of Detroit, Mich., now in the U. S. Army; George Powell, of Detroit, Mich.; Al Hunter, of Detroit, Mich.; Bob Johnson, of Toledo, Ohio.

Light-heavyweights.—Chuck Speiser, Detroit, Mich.; Tony Lomonaco, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Bill Handlin, of Flint, Mich.; Berry Blasingame, of Flint, Mich.; Arthur Wright, of Detroit, Mich.

Middleweights.—Ray Barnes, of Detroit, Mich., now in the U. S. Army; Billy Tisdale, of Detroit, Mich.; Moses Ward, of Detroit, Mich.; Chuck Coleman, Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Leedle, Detroit, Mich.; Ted Bussey, Detroit, Mich.; Jim Elby, Toledo, Ohio.

Welterweights.—Chuck Davey, of Detroit, Mich.; Lester Felton, of Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Matthews, of Detroit, Mich.; Allie Gronik, of Lincoln Park, Mich.; Pat Lowry, of Toledo, Ohio.

Lightweights.—Harold Jones, of Detroit, Mich.; Jesse Underwood, of Detroit, Mich.; Harold Lyons, of Detroit, Mich.; Jay Watkins, of Flint, Mich.; Sammy Rogers, of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Featherweights. — Auburn Copeland, of Flint, Mich.; K.O. Morgan, Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; Dave Rollins, of Detroit, Mich.; Raul Prado, of Detroit, Mich.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

WELTERWEIGHT contender Chuck Davey, made a decided hit with local (Norfolk) fight fans when he was an invited guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Norfolk Sports Club. Davey, possessor of a B.S. degree in physical education and a Master's Degree in education, impressed the attending members with his seriousness, for his future.

Plans are underway for the 7th Annual March of Dimes boxing carnival, to be staged in Norfolk. The charity card presented yearly by the local boxing enthusiasts, headed by commission members Dr. Edward Myers, Mr. John Burton and Mr. Charles Ford.

Boxing news of Virginia boxers and boxing is welcome. Please have same at my home by end of the month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk, Va.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

ALADINO GUSMAN, 132, fighting the first eight rounder of his short pro career, easily decisioned Bobby Acusta, 130¼, in a dull fight held at the Honolulu Civic Auditorium. The decision was unanimous. Gusman has already won five straight fights, four by knockouts. The Ralph Yempuku promoted show was witnessed by 1,959 fans who paid $2,659.70.

Other results: In the five-round semi-final Larry Cantiberos, 136, was credited with a fourth-round TKO win when Randy Kim Seu, 134¾, who was slightly ahead at the time, suffered a bad gash over his left eye.

Abel Donnell, 131¼, outpointed Charles Ishimine, 133½, in another five-round fight. Rudolph Artuyo, 119, won over Salvador Torres, 124¼, five rounds. Dalfus Brown, 147½, decisioned Joe Wilson, 146¾, 4 rounds. Eddie Aiona, 135, and Fidel Manalo, 132, fought to a draw in the opener.

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REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

STAR NAVEN, 130, and former leading contender for the featherweight championship of the Philippines defeated Kid Independence, 130, of Cebu, in the ten rounder at Johnny Canson, Jr., promotion at the Canson Sports Coliseum of Sta. Ana, Manila. Naven, who substituted for Milton Ross, who sustained a cut on the left eye during training, won the unanimous decision.

Paulito Escarlan, 123, won a very unpopular decision over Puyas Boy, 120, in eight rounds. Puyas won by a wide margin over his slugging opponent. Baby Baltazar, 122, outpointed Baby Quintana, 122, in six rounds. Tony Ross, 108, was kayoed in the third round by Gon Villa Past, 111. Nick Figueroa, 116, of Tejeron, knocked out Joe Jewels, 120, in the second round. Larry Razon, 109, and Primo Dagsan, 109, drew in four-round curtain raiser.

Kid Tolosa, 116, of Lico, Manila, decisioned Danny Campo, 113, flyweight champion of Davao, Sulu and Visayas, in eight-round at the New Olympic Stadium of Caloocan, Rizal.

Cunning Andy, 110 of Tayuman and Danny Kid, 113, drew in eight-round semi-final.

Ben Escobar, 123, knocked out Oscar Feliciano, 120, in ninth round of Cesar Nazario, Jr., show at the new Olympic Stadium.

Bonnie Espinosa, former featherweight champion of the Philippines, won the lightweight championship by beating Speed Cabanela, 125, in the twelve-round main event of Johnny Canson, Jr., at Santa Ana, Manila.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS

By Jimmy Lambert

WHEN two Latin American champions get into the ring together, it usually winds up into a battle royal. This is exactly what happened when Promoter J. E. Croes brought together Wilfredo Miro, 158, middleweight champion of Cuba, and Tuzo Portuguez, 160, middleweight champion of Central America, on November 14 in the National Arena. Many fans exclaimed that it was the best fight ever seen in Aruba, while others thought that their favorite had won, but we believe the draw decision given at the end of ten rounds was a fair and just decision.

In an eight-round semi-final Young Quick Silver, 146, Aruba, drew with Kid Colorado, 138, Aruba. Colorado completely dominated the bout and should have been declared the winner.

A six-round preliminary brought together Kid Telefonito, 130, Bonaire, who won a unanimous decision over Kid Godoy, 126, Colombia.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

At Berlin.—Hans Stretz (Berlin), 25-year-old German middleweight champion, outpointed a 22-years-of-age challenger, Franz Szuzina (Bremen) over twelve rounds.

Light-heavy Karl Ameisbichler (Austria), beat Hans Scherbaum (Dusseldorf) in four rounds.

Light-heavy Gunther Sladky (Dorsten) knocked out Blaurock (Germany) in the first round.

Bantam Rudi Langer (Berlin), bantamweight champion, lost on points to the ex-lightweight titleholder, Herber Glaser, (Gelsenkirchen) over eight rounds.

Heavyweight Willi Besmanhoff (Berlin) outpointed Norbert Sapion (Munster) over six.

Heavyweight Herbert Wiese (Berlin) shared points with Gunther Nurnberg (Hamburg) over six rounds.

At Zurich.—Lightweight Ludwig Petri (Kassel) lost on points to the Italian, Marcello Padovani, over eight rounds.

Alios Brand (Rheinhausen), drew with Albert Muller (Dusseldorf) over six rounds.

Jupp Munnichhoff (Koln) outpointed Lauter (Rheinhausen) over six.

Cruywels (Krefeld) was disqualified in round five against Escher (Bonn).

Karl Pinsdorf (Koln) shared points with Gert Muller (Dusseldorf) over six.

Leo Starosch (Essen) knocked out Formella (Frankfurt) in four rounds.

Mittelbexbach, Saarland.—Willibald Koch (Wiesbaden) outpointed Weber (Mittlebexbach) over six rounds.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By Hugh Shannon

BUFFALO's best fistic prospect—Joey Giambra took a big step forward when he scored a unanimous decision over fast-stepping Joey Giardello of Philadelphia in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium.

Buffalo, always a great fight town when good shows are offered, again proved itself when a crowd of about 7000 paid $14,800 to see the battle. Promoter Tom Lippes and Matchmaker Junior Singer were delighted and promise more good programs in Memorial Auditorium.

The Fairview club staged its first show of the season on November 18, with a double windup of two eight rounders. Carmen Basilio of Syracuse and Canastota, N. Y. was the winner over Chuck Foster in a well-fought middleweight bout. Scozza stopped the fight and gave Basillio the decision after Carmen had given the Omaha boy a sound pasting for five rounds. The battle was full of action.

In the co-feature, Billy Fifield, 162, Toronto, won a split decision over Chester Mieszala, 160½, of West Allis, Wisconsin, after eight rounds.

Nat C. Fleischer, THE RING editor, was the principal speaker and Bert Finch of Buffalo the honored guest at Mike Conroy's annual get-together of former boxers and managers at Rochester N. Y. in mid-November. Conroy, a heavyweight boxer of some 25 or more years ago was quite an attraction around his home town when the late Jake Carey was running fights there. Mike was a big 200-pounder and he tackled 'em all in those days.

Bert Finch, a veteran of more than 40 years as a manager, got a big hand as did Mr. Fleischer, who gave an interesting talk about boxing and its future. Finch says the boxing game will boom to new heights as soon as some new faces come along.

FROM RIO DE JANEIRO

By Dr. Izorgot

HERE are the boxing results for the last month in this city and in the country of Brazil:

Luiz Carlos and Orestes Rosellô drew in six rounds. Roberto Gonzalez, decisioned Claudionor Pereira, in four. Celestino Pinto outpointed Luiz Magarino in six rounds. Juan Martinez and Josè Costa Lira drew in six. Hugo Martarola beat Ari Julio Santos in six. Valdemar Adão outclassed Valter Carrillo by a good margin in six rounds.

Francisco Assis and Edner Cardoso drew in eight. Valdemar Santos outpointed Valdemiro Torres in six. Clauodionor Pereira beat Orestes Rosellò in four. Celestino Pinto dos Santos and Luiz Magarino drew in six.

Vitor Agosta, TKO'd Altamiro Araujo in the second round. Joao Carlos Lira and Juan Martinez drew in six. George da Silva outclassed Valter Carrillo on points in six rounds.

Pedro Cardoso stopped Josè Bento Mariano in two.

Romeu Barbosa beat Ralph Zumbano in ten to win the lightweight title of Brazil.

Elcio Carneiro outpointed Josè Neves Martins in eight. Luiz Silva and Wilson de Morais drew in six rounds. Manuel Evangelista beat Josè Gonçalves Filho in four. Marcolino de Oliveira and Domingos Dal Medico drew in six. Geraldo Marques KO'd Roberto dos Santos in the first. Cezar dos Santos beat Mario S. Barbosa in six. João Romano outpointed Vicente Rondon in four. Laert Natal outpointed Erasmo Mendes in four.

Paulo Zacoman outpointed Arnaldo Pacheco in ten to win the middleweight title of Brazil and KO'd Osvaldo Silva, in nine rounds.

Antonio Carrico, Brazilian champion, beat Joao do Vale and Manuel George dos Santos in six rounds each.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By "Broadway" Johnny Cox

RALPH DUPAS, 17-year-old New Orleans lightweight, 135 pounds, claimant of the Dixie lightweight title, reversed the lone defeat he suffered in 1952 when he won a unanimous eight-round decision over Baby Vasquez, Mexico City, 134¾, who had broke Dupas winning streak at Miami Beach, Fla., three months previously. Dupas and Vasquez headlined Promoter Heard Ragas card at the Coliseum arena. Eddie (Kid) Wolfe, one-time lightweight contender, was the third man.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, Willie Pastrano, 147, welterweight stablemate of Dupas and managed by Ernest (Whitey) Esneault, scored a TKO in 1:59 of the second round when Referee Mike Cusimano halted the contest with Alvin Boudreaux after the latter got up from a nine count. Pastrano looks like a lad who will reach the main bout class.

Billy LeBlanc, New Orleans 162½-pounder, won a four-round decision over Johnny Mariana, 169¼ pounds. Hector Bacquetes, Algiers, La., 138¾, chalked up a two-round TKO over Johnny Villanauva, 140½, San Antonio, Tex. Bacquetes is in good hands being piloted by likeable Pat Donahue, former Southern middleweight champion.

"Whitey" Esneault turned Mike Tourcot, local featherweight, professional in a four with R. L. Henry, Houston, Tex. Tourcot scored a one-round TKO in 2:20 of the opening frame.

Clever Ralph Dupas, 139¾, the idol of local fistic fans here, turned in one of the most impressive performances of his career in winning a unanimous eight-round decision over Alfredo LaGrutta, Torino, Italy, 140½, at the Coliseum Arena. The Dupas-LaGrutta bout was staged by Promoter Allen LaCombe.

LaGrutta, in defeat, made a big hit with his aggressiveness and although Dupas gained a unanimous decision, the fight was a close one for the first five rounds.

LaCombe gave the fans one of the most evenly matched supporting cards staged here this year. Two hometown, up-and-coming young welterweights fought a sizzling battle in the six-round semi-final, with Willie Pastrano, 144¼, gaining a unanimous decision over Al Pellegrini, 141½. In a previous six rounder, Pellegrini won a unanimous unpopular verdict.

No professional sport can be compared to boxing when an appeal is made for funds for a member of the boxing fraternity who is ill or died. Emile Bruneau, chairman of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission, staged a benefit boxing show pitting old timers in two-round exhibitions at the Coliseum Arena on November 10 for the widow and eight-year-old son, Ashton Donze, Jr. Donze, one time a bantamweight contender and a former international bantamweight champion, died following a heart attack in the Coliseum ring while refereeing the Ross Virgo-Jackie O'Brien ten-round fight which was called a six-round draw when Donze collapsed, a few seconds before the bell rang for the end of the sixth round.

Mrs. Donze was presented with a check for $9,434.14 by Bruneau, the sponsor of the show. Emile managed Ashton in his professional career. All on the card gave their services gratis.

Thirty-three exhibitions were staged. Acts from the Sho-Bar, Gasper Gullotta's club (Gaspar is a brother of former bantamweight champion Pete Herman), entertainers from Pete Herman's, El Morocco and Hyp Guinle's Famous Door appeared.

This writer wants to thank Mel Leavitt, television sports broadcaster for Radio Station WDSU, local sports editors, boxing writers and photographers and the editors of the local papers for the space they donated to the show.

Harold Buckley, press agent for Promoter Allen LaCombe, and this writer were honorary publicity directors for the Donze benefit.

Anyone desiring information on boxing in these parts can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, 420 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.

This writer wishes the boxing and wrestling fans all members of the two professions a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1953.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

THE question as to who is the Nebraska state heavyweight champion was settled. However the contest was not held in Nebraska but in Chicago. Larry Watson, 179, Omaha scored a TKO over Bill Noble, 191, Grand Island, Nebraska at 2:10 of the sixth round.

Noble was sporting a perfect record of 16 wins since joining the punch for pay fighters until he met the aggressive Omaha fighter. It was a fast bout with both fighters landing some damaging blows but Noble began to tire in the fifth stanza. In the sixth round Watson dropped Noble twice for eight counts with left hooks to the chin and then decked Noble the third time and the referee stepped in and stopped the bout.

SHORT JABS.—Golden Glove champion Bobby Weston of Alliance, Nebr., scored a knockout over the polio bug. He spent some time in the hospital but was fortunate to come out with out any permanent disabilities and will be back in the Golden Glove tourneys this winter. . . . Gil Martinez, Lexington, Nebr., featherweight, has just been released from the hospital after undergoing an operation for a back injury. He is getting along nicely. . . . Jim McKay has opened up a nice airy gym at 1620 Vinton Street in Omaha. . . . Neil Moore, Mid-West Golden Gloves light-heavyweight champion, was selected as a backfield star on the Church Conference College All-Star Selections for the second year. He is a member of the Dana College football team at Blair, Nebr. . . . Remember to get your news in my hands by the second day of each month. The writer's address is 3414 So. 25th Street, phone ORchard 1165.

JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By Bus Burke

THE I.B.C. headed locally by Emory Jones and George Carson presented its second Wednesday night televised show November 19, at the specious Oakland Avenue Arena, here in St. Louis. Willie Pep, the ex-champ was paired with Fabela Chavez to headline the show. It was a ten rounder, televised nationally as well as locally. Pep won a decisive decision although he elected to fight a running, clutching and spinning type of fight which did not meet with the approval of the 2,491 fans who contributed a scant $5,593.50.

The co-featured ten rounder which was a re-match between Jesse Turner who hails from St. Louis and Charley Salas, from Phoenix, Ariz., saw Salas gain a TKO win over Turner in 1:12 of the sixth when Turner was cut over the left eye rather severely. The fight was a nip and tuck affair until the fifth round when Turner suffered the damaged eye. The complete results follow:

Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, Conn., decisioned Fabela Chavez, 129, Los Angeles, in ten rounds. Ray Palmer, referee. Charley Salas, 154¼, Phoenix, Ariz., stopped Jesse Turner, 154½, St. Louis, in six rounds. Jim Parker, referee. Jack Thurman Wilson, 193½, St. Louis, decisioned Jesse Brown, 182, St. Louis in six rounds. Jim Parker, referee. Joel Patrick, 143½, St. Louis, decisioned Joey Henningson, 144, St. Louis, in four rounds. Bob Ingham, referee. Don Vetter, 156½, St. Louis, stopped Freddie Wiggins, 158½, St. Louis, in the first round. Bob Ingham referee. Judges were Howard Hess and Fred Connell.

Lou Wallach is still looking for fights for his lightweight, Virgil Akins. All of the good lightweights around the country are avoiding the hard-punching Akins. A fight featuring Paddy DeMarco with Akins here in St. Louis would draw well and would make a good Wednesday night attraction.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colvert

DULUTH, MINN.—Jackie Graves, 130, Austin, Minn., featherweight, returned to the ring wars with a six-round TKO over Jackie Miller, 135, of Erie, Pa. The latter failed to appear for the seventh round after Graves hammered him all through the six rounds.

In the semi-windup, Joe Stepka, 215, St. Paul heavyweight, knocked out Tex Alexander, Chicago, 205, in the fourth round.

Jimmy Burke, 160, Milwaukee, Wis., scored a second round TKO over Willie Cox, Duluth, Minn., 156, in a scheduled six rounder.

Viasie Solon, Duluth, 145, knocked out John Skandera, 143, Chicago, Ill., in the second round.

Neil Frazer and little Joe Silva are two of the best amateur boxers in Minneapolis. They are expected to win titles this season in the tournament to be staged in February at the Minneapolis Auditorium.

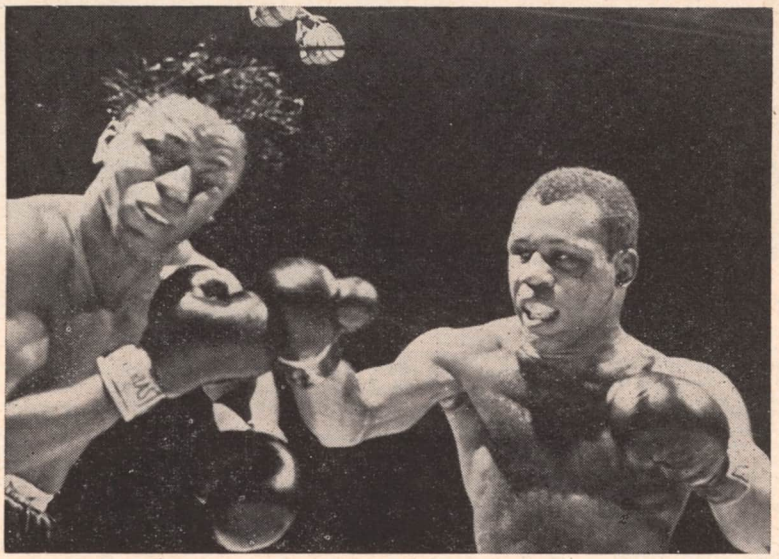
Georgie Price, hard hitting welterweight now under the management of Lew Viscusi, is busy getting in condition.

Winkie Weller, brother of Emmett Weller passed away in the Veterans' Hospital last week. Winkie was a good welterweight around the Twin Cities before enlisting in the Army in World War 2. He boxed all the best welterweights around here.

Champ Thomas, former manager of Corky Gonzales, is now wrestling and doing very well for himself. He is headlining cards all over the Northwest, in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. He is also the trainer of Mary Wason, St. Paul heavyweight, who is now a wrestler.

Emmett Weller has moved his gymnasium up Robert St. in St. Paul in a new and larger place featuring two rings, also the best equipment in the Northwest. He'll star amateur shows.

UPSET—TIGER BEATS BRAT!



One of year's big upsets was the unanimous 10 round victory of Ralph (Tiger) Jones, Yonkers, N. Y., middleweight, a 6-to-1 underdog, over highly rated Johnny Bratton, Chicago welterweight contender, at Madison Square Garden, New York.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP by Charlie Parish

WITH the winter season in full swing most Continental fight centers reported good attendances at the numerous excellent shows put on during the month. Humez, Johansen, Neuhaus, Famechon, Romero and Sneyers were in victorious form, whilst Dauthuille was finally eclipsed by Mickey Laurent, who has already upset Soldevilla and Milazzo this year. DeKeersgieter lost a very close one in Britain to Duggie Miller; Jacques Prigent flattened Solly Cantor in London. The tragic loss of Honore Pratesi cast a cloud over the fistic firmament, many Continental fighters, including several Italians, sent their purses to the widow. Jo Weidin has finished with boxing owing to sight trouble, after giving a great performance against Hugo Salfeld. Here are the latest results:

Brussels, Belgium.—Aaron Wilson, bogeyman of Continental and British heavies, held no terrors for the veteran Fleming, Karel Sys, who nailed the American with a lightning right in the first round. Wilson reached his feet at "nine", took two further trips to the resin during this session and once more in the fifth. In the sixth frame, Wilson's corner skied the towel, Sys having held the initiative from the opening gong.

Louis Cabon was rather fortunate to keep his feathers title against Louis Van Hoeck over twelve rounds, and in a bantam six, Pierre Cossemyns nodded Robert Meunier of France. Marcel Limage beat the French cruiser, Michel Lapourielle, in eight, and the middles bout between Arthur Acha and the Italian, Gino Menozzi, was declared a no decision in the fourth heat after Acha suffered a badly cut eye.

Paris.—Around the Parisian halls things were lively. At the Montmartre, Jean Ruellet avenged a previous defeat by halting tough Louis Atta in the fourth round of a welter slam, and Constant Alcantara resumed his kayo series by flattening Ernest Colussi in the third frame of a middles tussle. Bottel iced Emile Schweitzer in the third of another middles clash.

At the Stadium, Yves Husson shared honors with the lively Spanish bantam, Jesus Rubio over ten rounds, and Brousse upset Henri Denis by flattening him in the second heat of a feathers argument.

Oran, Algeria.—Emile Chemama gave a demonstration of his old clouting prowess when he put the skids under the North African champ, Robert Garcia, in the opening round of their bantam clash. Marc Cuneo, a promising local feather, did well to outscore the Marseilles hope, Civitta, in a fast eight.

Dortmund, Germany.—In the gigantic Westfalenhalle Heinz Neuhaus topped the bill against Wilson Kohlbrecher. About ten thousand attended this program, in which Neuhaus put both titles, German and European, on the line. After a fairly interesting opening, Neuhaus caught his challenger with a wicked short right to the chin in the fourth round which dumped the hefty Kohlbrecher on his back for the full count.

Hugo Salfeld won a desperate eight rounder from the Austrian, Jo Weidin, and Werner Wiegand gained a close decision over Britain's Tommy Farr in another eight.

In two good cruiser slams, Guenther Sladky outpunched plucky Hans Motzelt to gain the nod and Hans Strelecki was held to a draw by a newcomer, Hans Friedrich, both over six.

In a middles four, blond Fritz Wenzel debuted successfully by grabbing the nod over Fritz Schwering and in a welter four, Hoehmann nodded Willi Gelhaar.

Paris.—The Palais des Sports finally opened its doors after many delays, with the now inevitable Charley Humez as gate attraction. The deaf-mute American Negro, Gene (Dummy) Hairston, was the French miner's opponent and proved a rather disappointing foe. The bout lacked color. Humez won the decision.

Mickey Laurent was once more a successful dark horse, overpowering the Spanish middles star, Antonio Soldevilla, with great elan and taking the verdict by a mile. Laouri Godih, mulatto lightie, trimmed Frank Hermal in eight, Paolo Melis nodded Roger Guivarch in a welter eight, and in a feathers eight, Mohamed Chickaoui got the better of Jacques Chartier.

Marseilles, France.—Ray Grassi made his first appearance since winning the French feathers title, decisively whipping the declining Belgian, Jean Machterlinck, over ten rounds. Valere Benedetto and Roger Baour indulged in a very even welter struggle which was won by the former over ten rounds.

Liege, Belgium.—The two outstanding Continental feathers were on display here when Ray Famechon and Jean Sneyers took on Edgard Delannoit and Andre Benatar, respectively. Famechon had to extend himself to assure the decision in ten rounds, while Sneyers, who weighed in as a lightie, had rather less trouble in defeating Benatar over the same distance. Jean Corhay decisioned the French cruisers, Arthur Herlem, over six and Al Pierre nodded Crombags in a welter eight.

Paris.—In the suburb of Rueil, the local middles prospect, Gaston Meulebrouck achieved another spectacular win when he halted the Province champion, Martinez, in the eight frame. At Beausoleil, in the little principality of Monaco.

At the Central Club, Paris, the promising Italian lightweight, Mario Cicarelli, proved too tough for Ray Guilbert, whom he stopped in the seventh heat of a rugged slam, and Galmi got the better of Krill in a flyweight six.

Amiens, France.—Emile Bentz, the Alsatian heavyweight, made a return to fistic warfare with a points victory over Robert Masson in ten rounds. Francois Novak decisioned the Spanish welter, Antonio Lopez, over six.

In the Paris suburb of Bois-Colombes, Rene Lacaze added another scalp to his belt when he defeated Guerard on points over eight rounds, whilst at Clichy, Raymond Girbet nodded Michel Delauney in a middles eight.

Zurich, Switzerland.—Marcello Padovani, the excellent young Italian lightie, came through with a first-class win over Ludwig Petri of Germany, in eight rounds. Angelo Brisci, Italian welter, decisioned the veteran Swiss, Jack Kratzer, over six rounds.

At Geneva, Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy's flyweight king, bested the French young 'un, Bernard Celestini, over ten fast frames, whilst Caliostro Etter trimmed Henri Authier of France in a bantam eight.

Paris.—Kayoes were the order of the day at the Central, where featherweight Jacques Legendre dumped Jacques Lemeunier five times on the canvass before the fight was halted in round four. Rodriguez stopped Giner also in the fourth, of a flyweight clash, and in the heavyweight affair, Navarre outpointed Simon Ayankin in eight.

At Asnieres, Parisian suburb, Jacques Prigent took but four rounds to rid himself of the Spanish lightie, Roberto Ruiz, despite the surprising class of the latter. Kid brother Guy Prigent was also successful and trimmed Santanbien in a lightweight eight.

Brussels.—In an all light-heavy program three Frenchmen were defeated by their Belgian opponents. Victor D'Haes won over Oscar Menozzi, Marcel Limage trimmed Arthur Herlem and Leon Corhay outpointed Jacques Lebegue, all over eight.

Paris.—In the quarter-finals of the Marcel Cerdan Belt middles comp, Jules Bouquet was pipped by the ever-lucky Marcel Garcia, Henri Entringer edged Aime Lombard, Michel Aubignat nodded Said Khelfa and Gaston Meulenbrouck frightened the daylights out of Jean Lalaounis, who retired unjustifiably in the sixth. The bouts took place at the Salle Wagram and were scheduled for eight rounds.

Madrid, Spain.—Luis Romero avenged a previous defeat when he outpointed the West African terror, Ray Ankarah, over ten rounds at the Las Ventas bullring. Ankarah was not very impressive. Luis De Santiago gave his best performance in a long time when he slammed Francis Bonnardel, French lightie, out of the ring during the ninth frame with

CONTINENTAL RATINGS—By Charlie Parrish

(Month Ending December 15, 1952)

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Renato Tontini (I)	Charles Humez (F)	Gilbert Lavoine (F)
2. Karel Sys (B)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Chris Christensen (D)
3. Hein ten Hoff (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Andre De Keersgieter (B)	Antonio Monzon (S)
4. Werner Wiegand (G)	Robert Villemain (F)	Mickey Laurent (F)	Luigi Valentini (I)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Victor D'Haes (B)	Antonio Soldevilla (S)	Giel De Roode (H)
6. Hugo Salfeld (G)	Jacq. Hairabedian (F)	Laurent Dauthuille (F)	Werner Handtke (G)
7. Kohlbrecher (G)	Willy Schagen (H)	Claude Milazzo (F)	Leo Starosch (G)
8. Stef Olek (F)	Heinz Sachs (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Raphael Da Sylva (P)
9. Heinz Titze (G)	Karl Ameisbichler (A)	Pierre Langlois (F)	Emmanuel Clavel (F)
10. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Gustav Scholz (G)	William Thieulin (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
Joergen Johansen (D)	Ray Famechon (F)	Maurice Sandeyron (F)	Louis Skena (F)
Jacques Prigent (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Robert Cohen (Fa)	Young Martin (S)
Duilio Loi (I)	Luis Romero (S)	Andre Valignat (F)	Charlie Bohbot (Fm)
Auguste Caulet (F)	Ray Grassi (F)	Gianni Zuddas (I)	Nazz. Gianelli (I)
Joseph Preys (B)	Alvaro Nuvoloni (I)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
Hoacine Khalfi (Fa)	Maurice Forni (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Ot. Belardinelli (I)
Augustin Argote (S)	Nello Barbadoro (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
Werner Hantke (G)	Alvaro Cerasani (I)	Theo Medina (F)	Bernard Celestini (F)
Elis Ask (Fn)	Artidoro Polidori (I)	Emile Chemama (F)	Piero Rollo (I)
Luis De Santiago (S)	Jesus Aguerri (S)	Amleto Falcinelli (I)	Juan Jose Gonzales (S)

LEGEND—(A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (FM) French-Morocco; (Fn) Finland; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxemburg; (S) Spain; (T) Tunis.

a humming right to the jaw. Javier Ortiz won over Sintas in a lightweight eight and Valentin Herrero won over the Catalonian welter, Jose Martinez Pascual in six, and Gonzales Romero knocked out Bonifacio Gonzales in the first.

Berlin.—At the Funkturm Hall, Hans Stretz successfully defended his German middles title against unruly Franz Szuzina. Three light-heavy slams featured on the bill, in which Karl Ameisbichler, the dynamic Austrian slamster, walloped Hannes Scherbaum seven times to the canvas before the referee halted the bout in the fourth; Guenther Sladky rid himself of Helmut Blaurock in the opening frame and Willy Besmanoff defeated Norbert Sapion in six.

Rudi Langer was clearly outscored by Herbert Glaeser in a lightweight six, and Herbert Wiese drew with Guenther Nuernberg in a heavyweight six.

Paris.—At the Montmartre, Sauveur Chiocca, Corsican lightweight hope, had his work cut out to gain the decision over Mohamed Messaoudi in a fast ten, whilst the Italian middle Venturini flattened Bridenne in the fifth.

At the Stadium, Guy Gracia made a good return to action by halting Kid le Noir in the fifth heat of a lightweight affair, and in a similar match, Rene Bolivia checked Marcel Merle in the eighth.

Civitavecchia, Italy.—Luigi Valentini retained his Italian welter crown by clouting out Luigi Male in the eighth round. Sergio Caprari, ex-Olympic feathers star, whipped Giordanella in six.

Paris.—At the Central, Raymond Dieu made his first appearance since returning from the States and succeeded in ehilling the African bruiser, Roger Sefrioui in the opening round. Lucien Touzard halted Mencia in the fifth stanza of a heavyweight slam.

At the Florida Cinema, Paris, the negro heavy, Simon Ayankin scored another victory when he outpointed Roland Collet over eight.

La Spezia, Italy.—In his third pro start, Aldo Pellegrini made a great impression when he flattened the former national heavies champ, Giorgio Milan, in less than two minutes of the first frame. Bruno Visintin, ex-amateur lightweight star, bested Enzo Corregioli in six and Evo Savini nodded Cozzani in a lightweight eight.

At the Teatre Principe, Milan, Giannino Luise scored a points win over the French heavy, Maurice Mols, in six, and on the rest of this Italo-French show, Andre Mauguin upset promising Angelo Brisci by stopping him in the fifth session of a welter bout, whilst Marcello Padovani beat Theo Nollet in a lightweight eight. Gavino Furesi decisioned Yves Husson of France in a feathers eight.

Ghent, Belgium.—As supporting bouts to the welter comp, reported elsewhere, Stefan Olek, French heavies king, was very lucky to get the duke at the expense of Georges Rogiers in a ten rounder. Robert Meunier, French bantam, got the better of Andre Piens in eight.

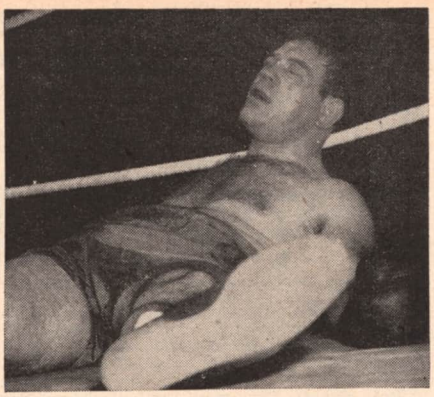
Paris.—A scandalous decision marred the opening series of the Marcel Cerdan Belt competition, held at the Salle Wagram. Ahmed Boulgroune handed a very smart lambasting to Marcel Garcia for eight rounds, at the end of which Garcia was declared winner. A riot broke out. The French Federation reversed the decision after haggling with the judges. A day later the Federation examined the judges' cards again and the "victory" of Garcia was confirmed.

In the other bouts, Gaston Meulebrouck iced Andre Clot in the third, Jules Bouquet outscored the Algerian, Roland Romano, and Jean Lalaounis decisively whipped Mohamed Belkacem on points.

Copenhagen, Denmark.—Joergen Johansen scored a good points win over the tenacious Liverpool lightie, Tommy Bailey, over ten rounds. Karl Ameisbichler, Austrian cruiser, was too durable for wily Mel Brown and thumped out a handy points win over the Negro in eight rounds, whilst Henning Jensen had little trouble in defeating Theo Nolten, the Dutch bantam king.

Luxembourg.—Charley Anglee had tough luck here when he was disqualified for low punching in the tenth round of his winning fight with Ray Schmit, the local cruiser. Jean Serres took things fairly easy in his bout with Bobby Warmbrunn and won this heavyweight eight by a narrow margin. In a welter duel, Leon Roller and Ettore Santella fought to a draw after six frames.

Paris.—There was tension in the air at the Palais des Sports when Laurent Dauthuille entered the ring odds-on favorite against Mickey Laurent, a hitherto modest middleweight who recently developed the knack of upsetting the odds. After some light skirmishing in the opening round, Laurent leapt to the attack in the next session and caught Dauthuille with a smoking right hook to the chin which dropped the returned prodigal to the canvas. Dauthuille dragged himself to his feet but was still slumped over the ropes when the fatal ten had been pronounced.



Out Kohl! Wilson Kohlbrecher seems to have been roped into something after being knocked out by Heinz Neuhaus in a bout for the German and European heavyweight titles.

The second half of the first round of the Marcel Cerdan Belt competition took place on this card, with Henri Entringer winner over Lucien Corenthin, Aime Lombard decisioning Dom Lamarra, Michel Aubignat (last year's runner-up) edging Bouraoui, and Said Khelfa obliged Cesar Lawnizack to retire in the second round with a cut eye. Robert Cohen gave the best performance of his career in whipping his rival for bantam honors, Andre Valignat, over ten fast and furious rounds.

Lille, France.—All gate records here were broken when Kid Dussart faced Charles Humez in the latter's own fief. Dussart was not figured to give Charley much trouble but the wily Belgian used his experience to good advantage and although he could not avoid taking considerable punishment, gave plenty in return for the full ten rounds. Jacques Bataille nearly came unstuck against the dynamic punching of Pierre Carrara, the Parisian feather. Carrara dropped Bataille to the canvas for "9" in the fifth and the verdict which gave victory to Bataille was poorly received.

Paris.—At the Mutualite, Louis Carrara, lightweight brother of Pierre, gained an extremely close verdict over the Marseilles star, Rene Cuilleries, in ten blistering frames. Rene Lacaze stopped Joseph Jicat in the ninth of a welter bloodbath.

At the Stadium, Constant Alcantara stopped Venturini in the fifth of one middles clash and the Martinique middle, Pierre Chalono, halted Drapier in the first frame of another. The Spanish welter, Antonio Lopez, beat Guy Berthereau over six rounds.

At the Montmartre, Jean Ruellet had his first check in a long time when held to a draw by cagey Charles Dehry in a welter ten.

Elboeuf, France.—William Thieulin, Normandy's leading welter, gained a good decision over useful Bruno Narostegan, in ten. At Grenoble, Omar Kouidri, Algerian middles veteran, obtained a close verdict over the Italian youngster, Mario Savoldi, in ten, and at Chalons, Jacques Herbillon won a lightweight ten against Padovani after the latter was twice saved from a kayo.

St. Nazaire, France.—Charles Colin, blond light-heavy star from the west coast, could do no more than grab a points verdict over the tough Italian, Bernardo Pacini, in ten rugged heats. Colin dropped his man several times.

Barcelona, Spain.—Jose Gonzales retained his national heavyweight title against the man from whom he won it. Santa Eulalia, over twelve rounds at waltz tempo. Jose Navarro, middles boss, was more lively in his clash with the Basque newcomer, Echeverria, who lost on points after eight fast rounds. Kim Navarro, local bantam star, scored another quick win when he stiffened Deltell in the opening session, whilst Santin outfought Juan Mir in a lightweight eight.

Kiel, Germany.—Werner Handtke, currently German lightweight king, added the vacant welter crown to his laurels when he outfought and outsped Leo Starosch over twelve. Herbert Wiese was very fortunate to get the duke over the Martinique heavyweight, Ernest Chalono, in eight, and in a cruiser clash, Heinz Sachs triumphed over tough Guenther Balzer. Rudi Langer was favored with a draw against Ernst Kohlsaat in a lightie six and Jimmy Lygett bested young Helmut Birk in a welter four.

Paris.—At the Central, Laouri Godih went down in the fourth session of a lightweight slam with Guy Gracia and although ready to carry on at "9" was counted out by the ref.

Brussels.—Joseph Preys returned to action after a long layoff in defense of his lightweight crown, and successfully repelled the attacks of Joseph Janssens over twelve rounds to win on points.

Paris.—At the Salle Wagram, young Idrissa (Eddie) Dionne, the negro welter who campaigned with success around France and Italy last summer, achieved his first outstanding win by edging out Paolo Melis after ten hotly disputed rounds. Georges Ionescu outboxed Ramdane Bellatreche in a good bantam ten and Mohamed Chickaoui bested Andre Benatar in a feathers eight. At the Florida cinema Robert Astoin drew with Sekou Gassama in a lightweight eight.

Berlin.—The Funkturm Hall was packed out when Willi Hoepner defended his German cruiser title against the local hero, Gerhard Hecht, for the second time. It was a close affair before, but this time Hecht had the Kiel southpaw down in the fifth with a one-two to the jaw. At the end of twelve bitter rounds, there was only one winner, Hecht, who thus brings to Berlin the sixth national title.

In a good heavyweight match, Hugo Salfeld was surprisingly held to a draw by the grim efforts of Luxemburger Jean Serres, over eight, and in a welter fray, Helmuth Hoehmann stopped Guenther Rapke in five. In three lightweight duels, Guenther Sladky stopped Heinz Schreiber in six, Toni Gruber whipped Toni Frenzel in six and Don Ellis drew with Heinz Saenger. Fritz Wenzel trimmed Hans Obermeier in a middles collision.

Munich, Germany.—Gustav Scholz made an impressive debut as a middleweight by stopping the veteran Frenchman, Gus Degouve, in the seventh stanza. Both men were southpaws. Hans Haefner was favored with a draw against the fast-stepping Turkish welter, Ziyaris Taki, over eight, and Hans Schoemig, outweighed by a stone, lost to Gert Mueller in a lightweight six. Willy Besmanoff knocked out Bruno Junkuhn in the second of a cruiser battle, whilst Herbert Glaeser resumed his kayo run by chilling Luxembourg's Ettore Santella in the third of a lightweight argument.

Valencia, Spain.—The new Spanish bantam champ, Francisco Romaguera, rid himself of Rius in the opening session here. Navarro whipped Yanguas and Correa won over Hernandez in two middles eights. At Palma, Majorca, Correa knocked out Lazalde in the second frame.

Lisbon, Portugal.—Bouadjemi Mokhfi, trialhorse for Europe's lightweights, got his own back here when he flattened the Portugese champion, Julio Martin, in the ninth round.

Naples, Italy.—Luigi Fasulo gained an undeserved win over the French bantam, young Guy Bonin, over eight rounds. Sergio Milan flattened Loprieno in the third of a feathers fray and Bruno Visintin knocked out Andrea Coschiera in the first of a lightweight slam.

At Bari, De Lucia defeated Silvio Roteglia in a lightweight eight. Uber Bacilieri returned after a long layoff to put the skids under the giant Roumanian, Andre Moumoloff, in two rounds.

In two Austro-Italian scraps, Enzo Corregioli whipped Franz Kochmannowitsch in a lightweight eight and the Viennese welter, Kurt Ibl, was the victim of a poor decision when declared loser to Vittorio Costa in eight.

Paris.—At the Montmartre, Raymond Dieu had trouble in lasting the limit and just gained a draw with colored Al Daura in a cruiser eight, whilst Rene Weissmann decisioned Geoffroy in a welter six. Umberto Paccagnella nodded Sahla in a middles eight.

At the Stadium, Jesus Rubio, the Spanish bantam, was awarded a draw against Robert Meunier, who broke most of the rules but made the fight.

Bologna, Italy.—The local heavyweight propect, Franco Cavicchi, gained difficult victory over the big German, Bobby Warmbrunn, in eight rounds. In a feathers eight, Aldo Pravisani outscored Enrico Macale on points.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

CPL. BOBBY BICKLE, lightweight from Hoisington, Kansas, fighting out of Ft. Riley, who this year won the National and International Golden Gloves tournament and represented the United States in the Olympics at Helsinki, Finland, became the talk of the midwest as he scored his third successive first-round knockout, since invading the professional ranks, by stopping Frankie Minor of Louisville, Ky., in 2:02 in a scheduled six-round semi-windup at Kansas City, Mo.

In the main event, Chief Alvin Williams, 173½, Oklahoma City, Okla., conceded twenty-one pounds to Bob Garner, 193½, Louisville, Ky., and came from behind to knock the massive-shouldered Garner out in 1:27 in the third round.

Billy Sudduth, the Midwest's welterweight champion, Topeka, Kans., decisioned Kirk Johnson, Indianapolis in the twin semi-final on the same card. Fernando Rivera, 135, Kansas City scored a first round knockout over Gerald Whitaker, 135, Louisville, Ky. Jimmy Hairston, 127, Kansas City, outpointed Howie Keys, 126, Topeka in four.

Joe Arthur, 175, Indianapolis, Ind., evened the score when the Irish youth reversed the tables on Chief Alvin Williams, 174, Oklahoma City, before 2,700 fans who paid an estimated $5,000 to see the show at the big Municipal Auditorium's arena, Kansas City.

Cpl. Bobby Bickle, 135, Ft. Riley, Kans., in the semi-windup stopped Leroy Roberts, Memphis, Tenn., 1:43 in the first round. Jimmie Burke, 156, Chicago, Ill., kayoed Henry Henderson, 152, Kansas City, in the fifth. Fernando Rivera, 135, Kansas City, decisioned Willie Jones, 132, Gary, Ind., in six. Ray Augustus, 175, Topeka, Kans., outclassed Bob Miller in another six. Howie (Kid) Keys, 127, Utica, N. Y., decisioned Rocco Romano, 126, Topeka in four.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell
Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

THERE was no professional boxing in Wisconsin during November. Two prospective matches of the Wisconsin Boxing Club, Joe Miceli vs. Johnny Saxton and Joey DeJohn vs. Dick Wagner, were exploded by the 30-day rest period rule, after a knockout. Miceli and DeJohn were the recipient of the lethal wallops.

Fans here had to be satisfied with TV boxing.

When television dropped it's weekly wrestling show last month it also put the skids under the sport. The attendance has fallen off considerably. Previously wrestling promoted by Henry Tolle and John Heim was telecast weekly at their small shows at the Ron De Voo. It built up the big monthly show at the arena, which was not telecast and a b[illegible] gate was assured.

The lessening of the attendance trend was very noticeable on November 22. Hans Schmidt who won consistently for six months, was set for the blowoff, on that date with champion Lou Thez. Other big shows at the arena had grossed well over ten grand. The Thez vs. Schmidt bout grossed less. The promoters say with TV exploitation the show would have drawn better than 20 grand.

Recent additions to the Army included four local fighters. They are middleweight Bob Hansen, lightweight Don Mason, featherweight Johnny Nicholas and Kid Baker, a light-heavyweight. The last named went to the Air Corp and will be stationed outside of Paris.

With Bob Hansen in the service, Joe Azzarella's Ted Olla, is the best local prospect. Olla, a middleweight, is a terrific puncher. After an absence of five years from the ring, partly due to being in the armed forces, Sammy Cicerello, a lightweight, is making a comeback and has placed himself under the management of Azzarella.

Over 500 guests crowded the Elks' dining room for a testimonial dinner in honor of the recently deposed boxing commissioner, attorney Frank Fawcett. The arrangement committee, Billy Robb, Joe Ryan, Fred Saddy, Ray Markey, Joe Aliota, Tommy Neary and Alderman John Koerner, did a swell job.

All the "Big Wigs" in town were on hand. Fred Saddy made the presentation speech with a beautiful watch for the ex-commissioner. Charles Broughton, publisher of the *Sheboygan Press*, presented Mr. Fawcett with a desk watch from the Past Exalted Rulers of the Elks. James Waters, secretary of the Minnesota Boxing Commission, Joey Sangor, local commissioner, and A. J. Chadek were at the speakers' table. It was a great turnout for a great guy—Fearless Frank Fawcett.

PITTSBURGH AND WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By Mickey Davies

NOEL HUMPHREYS, the Mountain State's little lightweight, is now overseas with the army. Noel expects to leave Japan for Korea.

Bob Baker, 221, won split decision over Billy Gilliam, 209, Orange, N. J. (10). Don Alderson, 144, Pittsburgh, outfought Elmer Lakatos, 142, Youngstown, (6). Billy Wagner, 130, defeated Sharkey Lewis, 121, (6).

Nate Smith, 165, surprised in besting Joe Faiello, 163, (6). Ronnie Moore, 159, Johnstown, stopped Earl Wilkerson, 152, U.S.M.C. (4).

Field House, Huntington.—Jack Laken set up shop here in late November, announcing at the time that he was planning, in conjunction with an approved athletic commission group, to stage a gigantic fistic production for the crippled children's Christmas fund. And the show was gigantic to say the least, with the kiddies fund receiving $557.50 with which to purchase toys. A mighty fine gesture, we might add, by Laken, Dr. B. W. West, John R. Brown, Mike Lewis, and others interested in the venture.

The card was excellent, and the turnstiles at the beautiful 8,000 seat arena clicked to the tune of a $5,401 gross. Here are the results:

Chico Vejar, 147, Stamford, Conn., kayoed Ronnie Harper, 143, Charleston (9).

Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 138½, Detroit, iced Rufus Holliday, 132, Cincinnati (3).

Hosea Chapman, 182, Huntington, stopped Bob Jackson, 188, Dayton (4).

Eddie Brant, 143, Dayton, beat Don Keeling, 145, Cincinnati (4).

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

COLORFUL, hard-hitting Joey DeJohn, made an unsuccessful bid for national fistic recognition when he was knocked out by Norman Hayes, in the third round of a ten-round televised bout, at Detroit.

Announcer Russ Hodges, should contact Nat Fleischer's office and get the correct dope on the fighters who appear on TV. Before the bout with Hayes, Hodges boosted DeJohn to the skies. After Joey was stopped he rattled off a list of fighters whom he said had "stopped," DeJohn. Two of them, according to Hodges were: Herbie Kronowitz and Joey Taylor. Deohn flattened Kronowitz in one round the only time they met. Taylor did outpoint DeJohn in their first meeting, but the next time Taylor faced Joey he was knocked out. Hodges makes quite a few of these errors and has done it at other fights. So has Steve Ellis. Take our advice boys and contact the editor of "Boxing's Bible", THE RING, and get your dope straight!

Carmen Basilio gets better all the time. Riding the crest of a nice victory wave Basilio is making it tough for anybody he meets these days. After belting out Sammy Guiliani, of Stamford, Conn., in three rounds at the War Memorial here, Carmen hopped over to Buffalo and made it "two-in-a-row", by halting Chuck Foster, Omaha, Neb., 144¾, in the fifth round, of a go slated for ten heats. Weighing 150¾ pounds, the rugged ex-Marine nearly caved-in Foster's ribs with his heavy body blows. Foster was battered and bleeding, never had a chance, when referee Lou Scozza stopped the carnage in 2:09 of the fifth. On the same bill, Larry Busching, 148, Syracuse, defeated Henry McClain, 153, Niagara Falls, in a special six round scrap.

Launching himself on the comeback trail, Ike Williams, 148, Trenton, N. J., former world's lightweight champion, impressed an enthusiastic crowd of 3,996 fans, when he stopped Pat Manzi, 146½, Syracuse, in the seventh round at the War Memorial Auditorium. In the co-feature, also scheduled for ten rounds, Chico Vejar, 147¾, Stamford, Conn., halted Johnny Luciano, 144, Miami, Fla., in the same session. The fans paid $11,775.75 to view these fights.

Eddie O'Hara, 170, Rochester, scored a TKO over Jimmy Eagan, 173, Clay, in the fourth round. A cut over Eagan's right eye caused referee Jack Millicich to stop it in 1:34. Johnny Cunningham, 154, Baltimore, outpunched and outboxed Jimmy Jewell, 158, Miami, in a one-sided six. Big Frank Cowan, 188, Waterville, Art Laing's pleasing heavyweight, put over a TKO on Leon Brown, 177, Albany, in the fourth and final round. Brown couldn't take anymore. In a four-round slugging bee, Johnny Budniewski, 158, Dunkirk, outpointed Johnny Barrella, 163, Syracuse. Each scored a knockdown over the other but the Dunkirk battler had a shade the best of it. Barrella showed a lot of fight and punch.

That kid of mine, former 1st Lt. Billy Shaw, Jr., is doing a fine job with KAYO, his local fight program. . . . Attending journalistic school in his spare time, he improves his writings all the time. . . . He has written two songs, bangs out fistic and classical prose without twitching an eyebrow and can talk for hours on fighters of the past and present. . . . Billy Browne, erstwhile Syracuse referee of other days, one of the world's best, is operating an electrical business in Green Bay, Wis.. . . . Drop us a line anytime, at 133 West Corning Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. Steele

THREE fighting brothers of New Brunswick have enlisted in the Canadian Army. Yvon Durelle, ranked by the Canadian Boxing Federation as the top Canadian middleweight contender, Eloi Durelle, one of the leading welters in the Maritimes, and Ernie Durelle, who fights as a welterweight.

Richie Howard, Canadian lightweight contender, will campaign in the U. S. A. during the winter months.

COLORADO'S CLOUTERS
By Herb Allen

TWO tragic misfortunes plagued the local fight news last month with the deaths of five local fight figures and a Camp Carson amateur heavyweight. The five killed in the icy waters of Bear River near Riverton, Wyo., while returning from the fight card in Salt Lake City featuring Rex Layne and Al Spaulding, were: Garfield Cisneros, 28, Denver featherweight; George Harvey, 20, Denver light-heavyweight; Les Cramer (Freeman Loftin), 23, Denver welterweight; James Howard Bealer, 44, Denver trainer; Joe Levinson, 45, Denver manager.

A Camp Carson amateur heavyweight died after collapsing in the ring during the first round of one of Camp Carson's weekly amateur shows. The cause of death is not known as the youngster went into a coma without absorbing any punches.

Ruben Shank (The Colorado Cowboy) was awarded his boxing license by the Colorado Supreme Court which overruled the State Athletic Commission and the N.B.A., who suspended Ruben for life after his near-fatal bout against Mel Brown in Minneapolis five years ago.

Tommy Golden, Elk's Club matchmaker and Denver detective, is back in Denver after a two-month absence while traveling with President-elect "Ike" Eisenhower, as his personal bodyguard.

Tommy, a great fighter of the past, who fought a draw against George Manly, is one of the most active members in Colorado amateur boxing circles.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

STEVE (ADAMO) MARCELLO chalked up his 25th consecutive victory by icing his last two foes in jig time. The unbeaten local welter posted his three easy triumphs, after returning to the ring, after a lapse of more than two years.

Tommy Harrison, Los Angeles ranking light-heavy, added Wes Bascom's scalp to his string of victories. Harrison took a split nod from Bascom in a good fast battle. In previous scraps here Tom beat Charley Norkus and Jimmy Bivins.

Denis (Pat) Brady came very close to upsetting the dope, but ran out of gas and dropped a split duke to Johnny Gonsalves, tall Oakland, Cal. lightweight.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

AS I frequently predicted in my column in THE RING, Jimmy Carruthers brought a world championship to Australia when he knocked out Vic Toweel in Johannesburg, S. Africa, in 2:19 of the opening round. Not only did our little hero win the crown, but he did it in his fifteenth pro battle and his opponent failed to land one punch, a world record for a title affair. Since the report of this fight was covered in the last issue of THE RING, I'll not go into details but will say that never have the Australians been so keen on a fighter since the days of Les Darcy as in the case of Carruthers.

Jimmy now holds the British and Empire titles as well as the world crown. Toweel and Jimmy will meet again in Johannesburg in a return bout and if Vic wins, there will be a third contest in Australia.

Mrs. Dave Sands gave birth to a daughter on November 11, Remembrance Day in Australia. She is the widow of the champion who was killed in an auto accident a few months ago.

The death of Joe Wallis, for thirty years a referee who participated in about 60,000 contests, shocked local boxing followers.

Elley Bennett knocked out Bluey Wilkins in the fifteenth round in defense of his Australian featherweight title. This was the third time in three title defenses that Elley won by a last round knockout after trailing.

In Melbourne, West Indian Ivor Germaine engaged in a two-man war with Victorian welter champion Pran Mikus. Although he conceded 10 pounds in weight to the two-fisted Mikus, the southpaw came through with a points victory.

Prior to this contest, Germaine met U. S. negro welter Walter Haines, also in Melbourne. The decision went to Germaine.

Pat Ford is rapidly forging to the front of the lightweight division. He showed the right spirit when, after being dropped by Englishman Eric Boon in the third round, he got up and threw the fight right back at his opponent. Ford stopped Boon in the fourth round. This year Pat has had six bouts, winning all by the knockout. And he has not been meeting palookas, either.

Ray French, another rising lightweight, KO'd Englishman Jock Bonas with a perfect punch—a snappy right to the jaw—in the tenth round of a good fight in Sydney.

In Brisbane, Brian Brady made a comeback to KO John Slockie in eight rounds, and looked great doing it. However, his success was short lived. Four weeks later he met Dave Landers for the latter's Queensland lightweight title. Dave, apparently finished months ago, came through with a stunning KO in two rounds.

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FROM BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

HERE are the latest reports of fights in Buenos Aires: Rosario—Romero Luque, 135, was kayoed by "Pampero" Vicente Acosta, 136, in two rounds.

Rio Cuarto—Aurelio Travo, after breaking his hand, lost on a TKO to J. Oviedo.

Lomas—Remolino Romano, 150, outpointed Silverio De La Fuente, 146.

Luna Park—A. Reyes of Chile kayoed Jose Elias Sanchez of Buenos Aires in the third.

Mercedes—A. Rizzio, 134, decisioned Nussef, 141.

Moron—Mario Hoyo battled to a draw with Victor Maturana.

Cordoba—Jose Gatica, 138, kayoed Roque Romano, 139.

Lanus—Enrique Cuevas halted Victor Maturana, 7.

Mar Del Plata—Antonio Cuevas fought a spirited draw with A. Graciano.

Luna Park—Horacio Rodriguez came off the floor to kayo Chilean Manuel Castillo, 129, 4. San Leon, 168, defeated Luchessi, 168, 6. Jose Gatica, 138, halted Federico Guerra, 138, 9. Mario Diaz, 162, outpunched Italian D'Ottavio, 163. Juan Di Pasquali, 163, and Santuche, 163, drew.

Antonio Acita, 200, outfought Capitanelli, 194, 8. Mario Perez, 200, outpointed Ulrich, 204, Peru, 8. Angel Cassano, 175, kayoed Negrone, 176, in the ninth.

Lomas—Espinaca Pons, 160, kayoed Heriberto Altamira, 152, 8.

Rosario—Oscar Pita, 147, stopped Oscar Flores, 145, two.

Junin—Ricardo Villanueva, 147, scored his twentieth straight win by outpointing Baby Tiger, 147, in a close bout.

COVERING WESTERN CANADA
By Benny Wilson

IN cooperation with the Edmonton Branch of the Associated Canadian Travellers, Jack Berry staged a fight card, on November 20, with part proceeds going to the Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund. George Dunn, the Edmonton lightweight, featured in the main event, lost to Harold (Baby Face) Jones, of Detroit, Mich., one of the biggest upsets of the season, in ten rounds.

Previous to this card, George Dunn won a tough fight at Edmonton, on November 4, when he carved out a ten-round split decision over Irish Dave Shade, billed as the Virginia lightweight champion. In other events on Jack Berry's card, Johnny Irwin kayoed Ken St. Peter in the fifth round of the six-round simi-windup; Kid Windsor scored a first round KO over Don Burlie; Ernie Demchuk got a split decision over Tuffy Tyler and Harold Demchuk, scored a KO in the third round over Teddy Herrington.

At Calgary, for promoter Ernie Farr, Irish Jimmy Nolan, who has been featured in every main event in that city since the commencement of the season, lost a ten round unanimous decision to Yvon Durelle, a middleweight from New Brunswick.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

NO sooner had Jack Berry been issued a promoter's license than he began putting boxing on a two-week basis. Consequently, Vancouver fight fans were treated to two shows during the month of November. The first, held on November 13, featured Earl Walls, Windsor, 191¼, against George Parmentier, Eureka, Calif., 234¾. Walls, who is heavyweight champion of Canada, made short work of his large opponent. A whistling left hook dropped Parmentier for a count of four in the first round. After being well punished for part of round two, Referee Max Baer decided to call a halt.

In the semi-windup, which was shaping up to be one of the best fights of the night, Bill Brenner, Vancouver, 155¼, stopped Sonny Jones, New York, 154¾, in the fourth round. Jones developed a cut eye and the referee wisely stopped the contest.

Promoter Jack Berry imported Harold Dade, 131¼, for his November 27 show and matched him with Bobby Woods, Eureka, Calif., 131½. It turned out to be a bad night for Dade. Woods, utilizing a punishing left hook into the mid-section, shook Harold many times and dropped him twice to win a one-sided unanimous decision. Dade had taken a close decision from Bobby early this year.

Pinky Cowan, Spokane, 138, won a six rounder from Tuffy Tyler, Edmonton, 136, in a rather dull semi-windup. Johnny Salkeld, Calgary, 142, showing explosive punching power with both hands KO'd Luther Baxter, 149, at 2:25 of the first.

Calgary, Alta.—Louis Lawrence of Vancouver won the middleweight championship of Western Canada in a ten-round bout with Jimmy Nolan, Calgary.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND
By Charlie Longo

BOSTON, MASS.—Wilbur Wilson, young Boston scrapper, slammed out a unanimous decision over Gus Mell to capture the New England welterweight title at the Boston Arena in a twelve rounder. It was the third meeting of the two, with Wilson winning two and one bout ending in a draw. Each time these boys met it was a real tough fight.

In the semi-final of the six rounds, Bobby King, middleweight from Everett, who is undefeated, won over Billy Boyd, from New York. Willie Cee, 137, Hartford, scored a third-round TKO over Tony Rodriguez, 140¼, Bronx, N. Y. Paul Holman 144¼, Allston, made his pro debut by kayoing Al Frias, 145, Fall River (2).

Art Davis, 128½, Roxbury, survived a fourth-round knockdown to win a split decision over Don Nelson, Hartford, Conn. (4). Davis is the son of that excellent amateur from Roxbury, Jackie Norton.

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SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Less Huffman

JIMMY BIVINS, fighting in Providence, R. I., ran into an upset when he lost a 10-round decision to Tommy Harrison of Los Angeles. Scoring often with his left hand, Harrison, scaling 178½ to Bivins' 185, carried the fight to the Clevelander and had Bivins off balance most of the time. There were no knockdowns. It was a bad break for Jimmy. Later in the month Bivins lost to Ezzard Charles in Chicago.

Chris Cline, who at one time handled the affairs of Murray (Sugar) Cain, is now managing Pappy Gault of Spartansburg, S. C. who recently was crowned North American bantam king by the N.B.A. Gault twice whipped Fernando Gagnon, Canadian champion to gain the honors.

Ronnie Delaney, Akron's star middleweight, spotting Lou King of Chicago twelve pounds, carried off the honors in a sizzling bout at the Armory in a show promoted by Tom Heath. Referee Eddie Atlas gave Ronnie six rounds and two to King and one even. That's also the way Judge Paul Emmons saw it. Judge Dick Norris had Delaney ahead, seven to two and one even.

It was a good night all around for Akron fighters, Joey Greenwood made amends for a previous draw with Buddy Walls by hanging up an eight-round kayo at the expense of the Pittsburgher, in the co-feature.

Eddie Crawford, the best little fighter in Northern Ohio, was given a scare by Bobby McDonald of Detroit when he was downed with a ripping right in the opening round, but he got up at seven and in the next three heats handed the Detroiter a boxing lesson.

Two votes were given to Crawford and one to his opponent.

Frank Favaro, Akron light-heavy, ran into a Tartar in Bobby Dawson of Detroit, but came out of it with a split decision. In a four rounder. Davey Miles of Akron, 148, stopped Vic Greathouse, also of Akron, in 2 :57 of the fourth round.

Jimmy Colombo and the writer of this column will soon hook up in a partnership in promoting wrestling and boxing in West Virginia.

Ray Morris of Dayton, a good amateur in the Golden Gloves before joining the Marines, has won five fights in the service, three via the knockout route. He was runner-up in the last Golden Gloves tourney staged in Dayton.

Only 1500 persons turned out for Promoter Joe Brooks 'show at Louisville, Ky., a keen disappointment for the promoter. In his feature, Pennington Brown and Jimmy Welch fought a hot scrap with Welch getting the nod. Welch slipped through the ropes in an early round. Two votes were cast for Welch and one judge voted for Brown. Welch weighed 163 to 165 for his rival.

The best fight of the evening was between Willie Johnson of Louisville and Kenny Sherman of Cincinnati. It was a hot tussle. Johnson fought for five rounds with his left eye closed but he won the fight which was a six rounder.

Isaac Vaughn of Cleveland gave Doug Medley of Louisville a lesson in boxing. Medley was down in the second round and sixth and Vaughn won the decision at the end of eight rounds. It was the semi-final.

In a six rounder, Don Keeling of Cincinnati lost a close one to Eddie Brant of Dayton. Brant is a southpaw.

George Wilson, 179½, Louisville stopped Jesse McGowan, 184, Fort Knox, in one round.

At Detroit on November 22, Elmer Lakatos of Youngstown, won a unanimous decision over Harold Lyons of Detroit in eight fast rounds. Both boys punched hard all the way.

In a four rounder, Ghuck Price of Detroit, a welter, lost to Jackie Richards, a game kid from Detroit.

At Detroit at the Motor City Arena on Saturday, November 29, Frank Favaro of Akron, 173, beat Tony Lomonaco, 170, Grand Rover, Mich., in a fast, furious contest of six rounds.

In another six-round bout, a slugging match, Red Elby of Toledo, 164, was matched with the new Detroit sensation, Chuck Coleman, former amateur star and Coleman won all the way.

The Saturday night fights in Ohio are catching on. Week after week the shows have been drawing a packed house due to excellent matchmaking. It won't be long before these Saturday bouts will be as popular as are the Eastern Parkway contests in Brooklyn every Monday.

Here are my ratings of Ohio boxers for the year:

Heavyweights—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati; Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, and Ronny Wulf, Cincinnati.

Light-heavyweights—Joey Maxim, Cleveland; Lalu Sabotin, Warren, and Frank Favaro, Akron.

Middleweights—Ron Delaney, Akron; Herbie Moore, Cincinnati, and Don Smith, Cincinnati.

Welterweights—Joey Greenwood, Akron; Pay Lowry, Toledo, and Red Elby, Toledo.

Lightweights—Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati; Dave Marsh, Akron, and Elmer Lakatos, Youngstown.

Featherweights—Eddie Burgin, Cincinnati; Eddie Crawford, Akron, and George Morris, Cincinnati.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

A CHICAGO natural was presented by Promoter Irv Schoenwald, at the Rainbo Arena with Alan Moody, 147, Chicago, and Al Andrews, 146, Chicago, as head liners. Both had long winning streaks and fought hard to down the other, but it was Moody who was the stronger, showed more class, and came away the winner by a wide margin. Andrews showed plenty of heart but could not match the ruggedness or class of his rival.

The prelims were packed full of action. Ronnie Stribling, 129, Cedar Rapids, won a thriller in punching out a four-round duke over Sammy Cicerello, 130, Milwaukee. . . . Madison Morgan, 143, Chicago, scored a two-round knockout over Sidney Caples, 145, Kansas City, in a bout that was slated for four rounds. . . . Neill Walsh, 210, Toledo, Ohio, punched out a close five-round decision over Ralph Schneider, 239, Chicago.

Bobby Boyd, 154, Chicago, won his bout by a knockout in two heats, this time over Johnny Mitchell, 155, Chicago. Boyd continues to pile up victories here. In a six-round semi-windup, Norman Webb, 145, Chicago, continued on a new winning streak by outpointing Tony Gunia, 148, Milwaukee. Webb appears to improve with each start of late.

Arriving here from New York, Calvin Davis, an up-and-coming welterweight, has placed himself under the management of yours truly, and will be seen in action here shortly.

Jimmie Martinez, 152, Phoenix, Ariz., came through once again to score his thirty-ninth win in forty bouts, when he beat Allie Gronik, 149, Detroit at the Rainbo Arena in eight rounds. Martinez did most of the landing throughout. Martinez seems ready for the better welterweights.

The undercard was a corker. Wilbur Robinson, 131, Chicago, scored a nice win in beating Billy Armando, 132, Chicago, in four rounds. . . Nenos Solomon, 159, Chicago, who throws right hands from left field, scored a three-round knockout over Marlin Pittis, 160, Minneapolis, in a four-spot.

Phil Williams, 154, Chicago, and Johnny Gillespie, 155, Benton Harbor, went four rounds to a draw. . . . Norman Webb, 142, Chicago, won a six rounder from Carl Stafford, 145, Chicago. Webb was much too good for his rugged opponent, who was down in the second round.

The International Boxing Club presented Ezzard Charles vs. Jimmie Bivins in a ten-round event at the Chicago Stadium. In the first heat, Charles dropped Bivins for an eight-count with a series of punches that had the fans in an uproar. From the second round on, however, Bivins elected to run only throwing a right-hand punch two or three times during the remaining nine rounds. It was evident that Bivins had only the thought in mind of staying the limit.

Charles tried hard all the way to score a knockout, but it takes two to make a fight. Only a few of the sparse gathering of 2,799 fans appreciated Charles' skill.

Jed Black, 150, Janesville, Wisc., stopped Herbie Schoen, 152, Chicago in the fourth round. Sonny Wilcox, 175, Cleveland, drew with Rufus Berry, 180, Chicago, in four rounds. Alan Moody, 148, Chicago, won a sparkling eight-round decision over Tony Gunia, 147, Milwaukee. Moody gave Gunia a beating that will long be remembered by the fans. Moody looks like the goods. . . . Richie Anderson, 160, Pittsburgh stopped Earl Wilkerson, 153, Cleveland, in the first heat.

Promoter Irv Schoenwald put on a humdinger at the Rainbo Arena, featuring Billy Noble and Larry Watson. This bout proved a terrific affair. The fight ended in the sixth round with Noble the loser by a TKO.

The first three rounds found Noble with a slight lead which he piled up with left-hand leads. In the fourth, Watson found the range with his right hurting the Nebraska lad. Watson continued to score heavy sledges to Noble's jaw in the fifth. Then came the sixth and final round for Noble. Watson hit Noble with a short left hook and down he went, but came up at nine. Noble hit the canvas two more times before the referee called a halt. It was his first defeat in seventeen bouts.

In other bouts, Nenos Solomon, 163, Chicago, knocked out Lacey Harris, 160, Chicago, in the second round of a four-spot. Joe Stepka, 209, Minneapolis, beat Martin Lee, 216, in four rounds. . . . Norman Webb, 144, Chicago, again scored a knockout over another opponent, this time over Richard Lumpkin, 139, Chicago, in the fifth round of a sixer. Bobby Boyd, 155, Chicago, beat Charley Roberts, 160, in a fast fiver. Ron Stribling, 130, Chicago, won a four-round decision over Wilbur Robinson, 131, in the opener.

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Kid Riviera, Chicago heavyweight, has been given the run-around by all the top heavyweights. Since his winning fights with Omelio Agramonte, Bill Gilliam, and Willie Bean, it seems Riviera is the most feared of boy in the Middle West today. Riviera can be booked through your reported. Emil Nanny, Chicago manager, has imported the lightweight champion of Europe. The boy is Valde Fusaro, a clever lightning fast kid. Fusaro, in his first bout in this country, won a fast eight-round decision over Dave Shade (Jesse Underwood) at Chicago's Rainbo Arena. Fusaro's services can be had by contacting this writer at 845 Eastwood Avenue, UPtown 8-5911, Chicago 40, Ill.

NEWS FROM SALT LAKE CITY

By Jay Hayes

FIVE members of a Denver boxing team who took part in the Rex Layne-Al Spaulding boxing program in Salt Lake City on November 17 were killed in an automobile crash near Evanston, Wyo., as they drove back home to Denver after the fights.

The tragedy occurred when their car slipped from an icy road and plunged into the Bear River. Three fighters, a manager and a trainer were killed.

They were George Harvey, 21; Garfield Sisneros, 28; Freeman Edward Losten, 21; Joe Levinson, 47, manager, and James Howard Bealer, 44, trainer. There was one survivor—Jimmy McDondle, another fighter. McDondle said he talked to the other victims for more than two hours in the partially submerged car before he passed out himself. The accident remained undiscovered for four hours.

Uinta County Coroner Gilbert O. Bills said the tragedy occurred about 1 :30 in the morning on a secondary state highway near the Bear River bridge about ten miles south of Evanston. The boxing team apparently took the side road to escape a snow storm.

Several days of snow and freezing cold had made the road extremely dangerous. Levinson, apparently the driver, was found behind the wheel of the car. Investigating highway patrolmen said the driver must have lost control of the car on the approach to the bridge.

The six men had appeared in the program at the Utah State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Salt Lake City on the Layne-Spaulding card.

Losten was not listed on the card, but apparently fought under the name of Lee Kramer. In the Coliseum bouts, Harvey lost to Max Chris of Tooele; Sisneros was TKO'd by Willie Price of Salt Lake City; Kramer was beaten by Dave Hamilton of Hill Air Force Base, and McDondle was knocked out by Kid Leon of Salt Lake City.

Utah's fistic fans were deeply shocked to hear of the accident. Promoter Baron von Stumme and Layne's manager, Marv Jenson, will stage a benefit.

The fight between Layne and Spaulding was quite a brawl at times and perhaps proved that a continued round of matches is the very thing Layne needs.

The youngster from Lewiston, Utah, was about ten pounds overweight and used the extra bulk to bull and shove the heavier West Coast fighter around the ring. The end finally came in 2 :03 of the fifth round when Spaulding hit the canvas for the count. Some ringsiders were of the opinion that the right Layne landed wasn't hard enough to hurt the 207-pound Negro. The bout was a ten-rounder.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND—Lee Savold, veteran Paterson, N. J., heavyweight, is back in training for some bouts that has booked in Europe. After a six-month layoff Fitzie Pruden will hit the comeback trail against Chuck Davey in Cleveland. Ike Williams of Trenton, the former lightweight titleholder, got off on the right foot in his comeback by stopping Pat Manzi. Charley Norkus, promising Bayonne heavyweight, is recovering from a siege of yellow jaundice and will be out of action till the summer season. Dave Goldberg, of the State Athletic Commission, is one of the best liked men in the boxing game and always does his best to help everybody.

Jerseyites were very active during the past month in out of state rings with good results: Al Wilson beat Phil Burton; Leroy Coleman beat Lino Armanteros; Tommy Reed beat Juan Melendez, but lost to Carmelo Costa; Georgie Johnson kayoed Rudy Zadell; Des Shanley beat Nat Terranova and Bobby DuFour; James J. Parker halted Gene Gosney; Ike Williams kayoed Pat Manzi; Sonny Luciano beat Pete Acusta, but was stopped by Chico Vejar; Billy Mack kayoed Joe Chipolla; Claude Hammond defeated Mike Colucci; Mack Stamford lost to Richie James, then drew with Art Thayer; Joe Tomasello lost to Jimmy Flood; Hurley Sanders lost to Yvon Durelle and Marvin Edelman; Don King was halted by Larry Baker; Tony Cimmino upset Rocky Brisebois; and Dom Zimbardo was stopped by Art Thayer.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH—Gene Washington, clever Elizabeth, N. J., middleweight who is unbeaten so far as a pro. Gene makes the moves of a fighter who has years of experience.

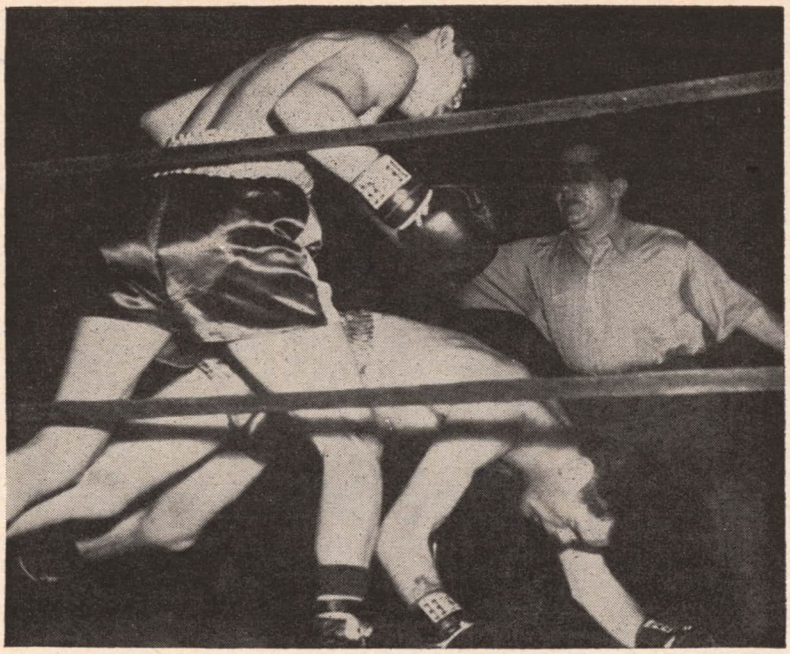
RESULTS FOR THE MONTH.—Laurel Garden, Newark: Doug Carter, 136, Newark, came up with a four-round kayo over Bobby Fenty, 136, New York City, when cuts over and under Bobby's right eye made it impossible to continue. Vinnie DeCarlo, 148, Philadlphia, was hard pressed to edge out Roy Alston, 145, Trenton, in fast action six. Jack Jacobs, 190, New York City, defeated Jimmy DeMato, 192, West Orange, 4. Sonny Day, 150, Newark, kayoed Leon Childs, 156, Newark, 3. Gene Carpentier, 136, Newark, outpointed Jackie Stewart, 138, Newark, 4, and Jerry Rullo, 170, Dover outlasted Bernie Ford, 171, Newark, 4.

In the first of a series of eliminations to crown a new state welterweight king, Tony Cimmino, 149, rallied in the last two rounds to edge out young Tony Rezer, 148, Marion, Jersey City. Cimmino, from Bayonne, a vet of more than sixty fights did catch the 19 year old Rezer who was making his first eight-round start and bowed on a 4-3-1 decision.

Monroe Kurtz, 144½, Newark, moved into the six-round class with a decision over Birtie Loffe, 150, Elizabeth. Joe Serafini, 152, Newark, halted Floyd Williams, 148, New York City, 2. Larry Crawley, 140, Westfield, battled to a draw with Eddie Johnson, 138, Newark, 4. George Patunis, 118, Bayonne, kayoed Stanley Grey, 112, Long Island City, 1, and Steve Coaxum, 168, New York City, flattened Willie Crawford, 170, New York City, 2.

Tony (Tex) Gonzales, 151, East Orange, scored his seventeenth win in eighteen pro starts as he outpointed Johnny Darby, 147, Pompton Lakes. After a close four rounds, Tex went to work to win easy. Johnny Brown, 152½, New York City, edged out Willie Stewart, 150, Newark, in a close sixer. Lou Martino, 132, Marion, Jersey City, outpunched Braxton Reed, 132, New York City, but had to settle for a draw, 4. Danny Rubino, 153, Hoboken, kayoed Jack Downey, 156, Boston, 2. Al Radulic, 149, the other Hoboken kayo kid, stiffened Jimmy James, 147, Dallas, 2, and Bobby Davis, 127, Newark southpaw, made his pro bow by ountpunching Willie Green, 128½, Newark, 4.

Phil Saxton, 173, Elizabeth, State light-heavyweight champ, outclassed Jack LaBoard, 171, Newark, in a dull eight rounder. Pete Adams, 149, Newark, looked very good in halting Johnny Brown, 152½, New York City, in the third. Johnny Wilson, 175, Keansburg, made his pro debut by kayoing Harry Wills, 178, Levittown, N. Y., in 52 seconds of the first. Sammy Marin, 143, New York City, defeated Don Miller, 139, New York City, 4. Eddie Dixon, 160, Newark, surprised by ruining the pro debut of the highly regarded Pat Best, 156, Englewood, by taking a four-round decision, and Tony Peterpaul, 160, Newark, kayoed Tony Falco, 159, Newark, 2.



Tommy Collins, Boston, Mass., featherweight, on the canvas for a seven count in the first round of his bout with the former lightweight champion of the world Lauro Salas of Mexico. Collins came back to gain a unanimous decision over Salas.

Jay Anderson, 147, Philadelphia, used his left hand to eke out a close eight-round win over Joey Greco, 152, Jersey City, in a bloody battle. Danny Rubino, 154, Hoboken, made his debut as a six-round fighter and punched his way to a win over Leland Whiterspoon, 159, Brooklyn. Al Radulic, 149, Hoboken, outfought Walter Kost, 147, New York City, 4. Bill Curran, 140, Bronx, outpointed Larry First, 142, New York City, 4. Joe Serafini, 155, Newark, halted Louis Lawson, 154, Jersey City, in the third.

LATE NEWS.—The First Annual Christmas Show sponsored by the city of Hoboken will be held on December 17, at Columbia Park, North Bergen. An all star show featuring Hudson counties leading boxers is being staged by Duke Stefano. Bill Gilliam lost a split decision to Bob Baker.

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PENNSYLVANIA AND EASTERN OHIO
By Albert M. (Al) Wolgast

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, now has an arena that will compare with some of the best in the country. It is located about five miles from the heart of the city on Simon Road. The seating capacity is about five thousand, with three thousand of the seats placed on an elevated slope. Wrestling is being staged at the arena weekly and plans are being made to stage big-time boxing shows there. So look for action from the Youngstown area.

A small crowd saw an aggressive Dick Wagner, 175, defeat Lalu Sabotin of Warren, Ohio, in the feature bout staged in the arena at Cleveland, Ohio. In other bouts, Ronnie Delaney, 155, of Akron, defeated Herbie Hayes, 160, in an eight rounder; Pedro Gonzales, 152, Rankin, Pa., beat Russ Jeffries, 150, eight rounds; Alan Moody, 147, stopped Rudy Flowers, 146, of Pittsburgh in the first round; Tony Anthony, 152 won a KO in three rounds over George Bodie, 155 pounds.

Less than 400 fans sat in on the Sammy Mastrean-Jimmy DiCero bout staged at McKeesport, near Pittsburgh. Mastrean pounded out a ten-round decision over his opponent, who hails from Philadelphia.

Short Cuffs: Joey Reynolds, 55, of Pittsburgh, passed away recently. He was handled by the late Jack Blackburn and fought many bouts around the Philly and New York area. . . . Earl (Punch) Rand of Youngstown was named to head a three-man Wrestling and Boxing Commission representing Mahoning County. Tom Barrowman heads the Youngstown Boxing and Wrestling Commission. . . . Tommy Kirk, well known Pittsburgh amateur boxer and an alternate on the Pittsburgh team to the Olympic boxing tryouts in Boston in 1924, died recently. . . . The Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown, Ohio, is a popular spot for big-time wrestling. Promoter Jimmy DeNiro is in charge. . . . Drop your notes to 303 George St., Farrell, Pa. . . . A healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Ken (Duke) Stigner

PROMOTER Hank Stezar's 30th anniversary in the beak busting business, held at Town Hall, proved a hugh success, but Hank had to bring in the grunt and groan boys to turn the trick. A crowd of 1,789 fans roared their approval as Billy Melby, TV star, applied his famous "cobra hold" to "villian" Jack Rush, the Canadian Angel, in less than 11 minutes in the feature bout.

In other bouts, Tony Galento won over Tarzan Hewitt in 15:07. Red Kirkpatrick won from Soldier Barry. John (Bad Boy) Heideman lost to Pierre Coutre, a Frenchman with long hair and fancy mustache.

The fans contributed to a gross gate of $2,749.58, with a net of $2,291.93.

Scranton has gone mat crazy. The fans from near and far began to troop into Town Hall quite early to see Billy Melby and Billy drew Bob Orton, one of the "roughest" campaigners ever seen in Scranton. Orton gave handsome Melby a "good going over" until referee Jack Walton disqualified the Kansas City "bad boy" and awarded the match to Billy the Kid. The end came after each had scored a fall in one of the most exciting mat bouts witnessed in this city.

Jim Stefanou, Bethlehem, Pa., won over Red Kirkpatrick and Soldier Barry lost to Joe Swinick in other bouts on promoter Hank Stezar's, show. The fans contributed to a gate of $3,336.30. The performers were paid off on a net of $2,780.14.

WAITING FOR THE BELL—Boxing is at a new low in the anthracite regions. Promoter Ernie Genell had shows lined up but had to cancel them when hs main-go fighters were both hurt in training. . . . A new club is operating in Wilkes-Barre and before this appears in print will have its first show. . . . Sonny Gennell is Scranton's pride. . . . Scranton Elks plan to stage their annual amateur show. . . . Noticed a lot of the old guard (boxing fans) at the wrestling shows. . . . Some live promoter ought to take a leaf from Hank Stezar's book and bring in a TV fighter. . . . Keep punching. . . . My address is Box 47, LaPlume, Pa.

What's the next step among the light-weights? Read about the return of the Irish . . . All in the March Issue of THE RING.

NEWS FROM LA LAGUNA, MEXICO
By Miquel Ramirez Aznar

LERDO, DURANGO. — Humberto Carrillo, 126, La Laguna featherweight champion, defeated Fili Nava, 127, in ten fast-action rounds. Baby Luna, 130, was awarded a KO over Manuel Mendoza, 135, in the sixth round. Firpito Gaytah, 112, KO'd Bolero Rivera, 118, in the sixth. Memo Leanos, 135, KO'd Victor Garcia, 136, in the second. Sergio Rodriguez, 120, stopped Azul Kid, 120, in the third round.

LERDO, DURANGO.—Lucio Gonzalez, 118, defeated Sapito Jimenez, 118, in ten rounds. Memo Leanos, 136, beat Toro Rivas, 137, in ten. Raton Perez, 119, decisioned Lino Ramirez, 113, in six. Sergio Rodriguez, 120, KO'd Gil Bugarini, 118, in two. Lotario Garza, 150, KO'd Cacheton Rivera, 152, in the first round.

LERDO, DURANGO.—Firpito Gaytan, 113, decisioned Ardilla Lopez, 112, in ten rounds. Domingo Hidalgo, 130, defeated Babe Carlos Leyva, 133, in ten. Transito Ramirez, 127, decisioned Salvador Varela, 130, in ten. Lucio Hidalgo, 118, KO'd Sergio Rodriguez, 120, in the third.

TORREON, COAHUILA. — Humberto Carrillo, 125, champion of Cotton Land, won over Angel Iglesias, 126, via a KO in the sixth round at the "Obrero" Arena. Gustavo Quintero, 128, and Cesar Saavedra, 129, drew in ten rounds. Salvador Davila, 155, KO'd Arturo Estrada, 140, in the third. Felipe Sosa, 120, bested Luis Vazquez, 122, in six rounds. Chale Carrillo, 147, KO'd Tim Tovar, 148, in the second.

TORREON, COAHUILA. — Memo Valero, 126, retained his Mexican featherweight crown by decisioning rough Juan Leanos, 125, in a bruising twelve-round battle at Torreon Bullfight Ring before a capacity house of 6,000 fans. In other bouts: Humberto Carrillo, 125, decisioned Genaro Serafin, 125, in ten; Manuel Mendoza, 134, bested Gustavo Quintero, 130, in ten; Salvador Davila, 156, scored a most impressive knock out over Cisco Kid, 154, in the second round; Negro Macias, 128, defeated Jesus Valenzuela, 130, in four.

LERDO, DURANGO.—Jorge Manjarrez, 126, easily beat Baby Luna, 130, in ten. Ardilla Lopez, 112, decisioned his former conqueror, Firpito Gaytan, 115, in ten rounds. Lucio Gonzalez, 119, scored a well earned points victory over Marcelino Nevarez, 122, after ten hard-fought rounds. Florero Valdes, 113, stopped Lino Ramirez, 112, in the fifth. Gil Molina, 145, outpointed Bernabe Avila, 148, over four rounds.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By Bill Davee

BOXING appears to be on the upswing in Texas, due largely to an increase of local talent. San Antonio, with hustling young Jimmy Scarmozi, promoting continues to be the best spot in gate receipts, but Houston, under the promoton of Ralph Smith is making a valiant comeback. Smith, a veteran promoter, runs weekly fights, and naturally the talent is ever growing in the Bayou city.

Corpus Christi, where Promoter Bally Baldesareli operates, and Austin, under hard-working Charlie Schmidt, run bi-weekly cards, and the gates are picking up and a number of young scrappers are coming along.

It's been a long, hard go, as a year ago there were so few boxers in the state that even prelim boys had to be imported. At present it has been possible for each of the above cities to run shows recently, with an entire card of boys from each particular town.

A shot in the arm for local boxing will be the return to the ring of Joe Moran, hard hitting San Antonio light-heavy, who looked like the greatest young fighter around, when he accidentally shot himself in the hand early in the year. The mitt appears to be okay now, and if it stands up under his heavy punching, some attractive gates, featuring Moran will be on tap for several of the promoters, particularly in the Alamo city.

Quite a number of kids, battling in the preliminary ranks bear watching, including Tino Longoria, Houston, middleweight, Bobby Garza, Corpus, featherweight, Tunneo Hunsaker, San Antonio, heavyweight, Ruben Salazar, Houston, featherweight, Sporty Harvey, San Antonio, light-heavy, J. W. Henry, Houston, lightweight, Joe Vasquez, Houston, lightweight, and Robert Martinez, San Antonio, welterweight.

Results for the month.—At Houston: Ruben Salazar, 127, KO'd Earl Pardon, 122, two rounds; Anulfo Hernandez, 141, decisioned Howard Taylod, 144, four rounds; Tino Longoria, 155, decisioned Robert Martinez, 150, six rounds; Louis (Whitey) Berlier, 200, decisioned Tunney Husaker, 185, ten rounds; Eddie Bertolino, 134), defeated Willie Castillo, 134, ten rounds.

At Corpus Christi.—Haywood Crosser, 170, KO'd Barney Shelby, 160, two rounds; Torchy Mate, 140, drew with Sunday Olivera, 134, four rounds; Ruben Salazar, 126, decisioned Francisco Gaytan, 128, four rounds; Milo Gaytan, 127, defeated Henry Luera, 123, eight rounds; Joe Felan, 138, KO'd Gene Grace, 140, six rounds.

At Houston.—Paul Jones, 126, KO'd Pete Linarez, 121, one round; Glen Rossman, 143, decisioned Tony Gonzales, 146, four rounds; Russell Turner, 155, KO'd Joe Sutton, 160, two rounds; Otho Sligar, 138, drew with J. W. Henry, 138, four rounds; Tino Longoria, 158, defeated Bennie Carnes, 155, six rounds.

At San Antonio.—Bobby Garza, 130, KO'd Howard Van Winkle, 130, four rounds; Amerigo Rivera, 120, decisioned Pete Huizar, 119, four rounds; Sporty Harvey, 170, KO'd Robert Dixon, 187, four rounds; Armond Goetter, 138, drew with Chato Hernandez, 140, ten rounds; Lino Botello, 122, drew with Kenny Davis, 124, ten rounds.

At Houston.—Carl Foy, 150, KO'd Wardell Brown, 156, one round; Lorenzo Garcia, 132, KO'd James Kinnard, 136, two rounds; J. W. Henry, 134, defeated Richard Gee, 135, four rounds; Tino Longoria, 154, decisioned Billy LeBlanc, 160, six rounds; Joe Hartdegen, 144, defeated Lorenzo Alonzo, 145, ten rounds.

At San Antonio.—Dick Bradford, 152, TKO'd Gilbert de la Garza, 148, one round; Pete Huizar, 119, decisioned Amerigo Rivera, 119, six rounds; George Bebelle, 165, decisioned Sporty Harvey, 174, six rounds; Joe Felan, 135, drew with Chato Hernandez, 135, ten rounds.

At Houston.—Herman Laday, 156, defeated Clifton Chambers, 151, four rounds; Lorenzo Garcia, 129, KO'd Nickolos Condon, 130, three rounds; James Kinnard, 129, KO'd Glen Rossman, 130, three rounds; Tobe Harris, 153, decisioned Russell Turner, 154, six rounds; J. W. Henry, 136, decisioned Otho Sligar, 134, six rounds.

At Austin. — Pete Gutierrez, 135, KO'd Howard Van Winkle, 131, two rounds; Doug Watters, 174, KO'd Eddy Edwards, 222, two rounds; Manuel Menchaca, 188, TKO'd Pat Viola, 196, six rounds; Rocky Caballero, 136, decisioned Joe Vasquez, 135, six rounds; Gallito Gonzales, 136, defeated Pepe Alvarez, 135, ten rounds.

The official state champions are as follows: Heavyweight, Bing Roberts, Corpus Christi; light-heavy, Red Worley, San Angelo; middleweight, Bobby Dykes, San Antonio; welterweight, Bert Linam, Austin; lightweght, Al Jurgens, San Antonio; featherweight, Jackie Blair, Dallas; bantam and flylight titles, vacant. Roberts, Dykes and Linam, so far outclass their respective fields, that there is little liklihood of a change in the head men in the near future.

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"ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE"
By Johnny Seubert

CLIMAXING a smashing two-fisted attack with a ripping left hook to the body which finally crumpled his opponent to the canvas, Bert Mendoza, 168, Los Angeles, belted out Shamus Jones, 170, Phoenix, in a slam-bang scheduled ten rounder at the Armory.

Through the end of the fifth round there was little to choose between them but the savage left-hooking attack of Mendoza was causing Jones to bleed from the nose and show a slight tendency to slow down. The Californian then stepped up his attack in the sixth and seventh rounds and took command. A terrific left hook into unguarded Jones' ribs dropped Shamus and he was still on his hands and knees when the bell rang at the count of eight in the eight round. As the crowd was screaming for the kill in the ninth, Jones' handlers signified their man was unable to continue and Bert was awarded a very popular TKO victory. This was the rubber match between these boys, each having lost to the other previously via split decisions.

In the six-round semi-final Johnny Hart, 135, Phoenix, gained a split decision after a hard fought battle with Tirso Rojo, 135, Juarez.

Johnny Pacheco, 121, Albuquerque, dropped the duke to the highly conditioned Reyes Castagnon, 120, Juarez, in a well fought special six rounder.

Referee Jim Cleary handled the entire card and again did a big time job of officiating. He is definitely one of the better type referees in the game today.

The promoters, The Hugh A. Carlisle American Legion Post No. 13, 207 North Second Street, this city were highly gratified by the exciting bouts and because of the many favorable comments received, your correspondent, who is the matchmaker, has already lined-up a January card which will feature the type of bouts for which the fans are now clamoring.

Nelson Martinez, crack welterweight prospect is now in the Marines and writes that at every opportunity he is donning the gloves and participating in service bouts at Camp Pendleton, California. Nelson is an extremely colorful performer, being a full-blooded Navajo and a terrific puncher.

For information on boxing in this section contact the writer at 712 Wellesley Drive N. E.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

WITHOUT having really outstanding fights throughout the month of November, the local promoter kept up his usual activity on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The results were as follows:

Emilio de la Rosa, 118, decisioned Trini Ruiz, 120, in ten. Marciano Bermudez, 118, decisioned Kid Campeche, 118, also in ten.

Rudy de Hoyos, 135, decisioned Aurelio Cruz, 135, in ten. Martin Morales, 121, stopped Gregorio Medina, 118, in six.

Babe Vazquez, 135, decisioned Babe Ruelas, 136, in ten. Genaro Serafin, 121, decisioned Chebo de la Torre, 120, in ten.

Emilio Sanchez, 123, from Belice, stopped Joel Gutierrez, 124, in five. Aristeo Serrano, 118, outpointed Jorge Robles, 117, in ten.

Julio Cesar Jiminez, 138, former national lightweight champion decisioned Chucho Ruiz, 138, in ten. Tomas Castillo, 125, outpointed Pepe Montes, 125, in ten.

Papelero Sanchez, 129, outpointed Chico Martinez, 132, in ten. Manuel Pizaña, 137, outpointed Dario Guadarrama, 136, in ten.

Kid Anahuac, 121, and Emilio de la Rosa, 119, drew in ten. Aurelio Rivero, 118, decisioned Luis Villa, 114, in ten.

Tomas Castillo, 125, decisioned Emilio Sanchez, 124, in ten. Pedro Garcia, 116, decisioned Mike Cruz, 114, in ten.

Surprising everybody, Babe Ortiz, 130, stopped Manuel Rivera, 132, national lightweight king, in seven. The match was not for the title. Rudy de Hoyos, 130, decisioned Enrigue Gomez, 134, in ten.

LOUISVILLE, KY., BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

JIMMY WELCH was barely able to polish off Pennington Brown from Ft. Knox in the 10-round main event at the Armory. Judge Friend Lodge and Alf Kaufman voted in favor of Welch while Dr. E. C. Stivers gave the nod to Brown. This writer called it a draw. But the card was the best ever staged here by Promoter Joe Brooks.

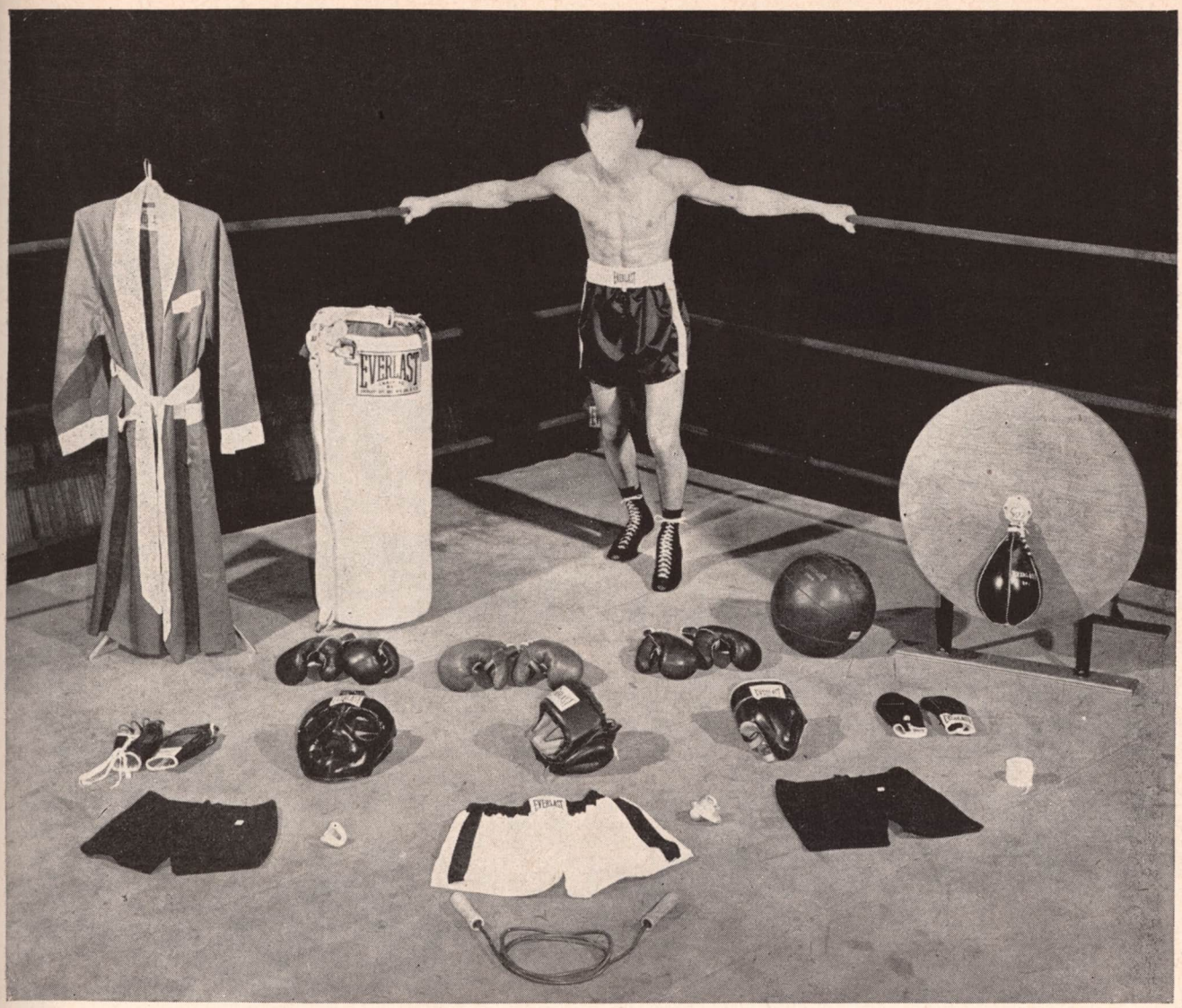
The best fight of the evening was the eight-rounder matching Louisville's Doug Medley and Isaac Vaughn of Cincinnati. Vaughn gave Medley a boxing lesson. Medley was down for eight in the sixth. Vaughn, former Golden Gloves champ at Chicago, used a left to good advantage and undoubtedly is headed for bigger things.

The rest of the card was as follows:

Eddie Brant, 141, Dayton, decisioned Don Keeling, 147, Cincinnati (6). Willie Johnson, 160, Louisville, decisioned Kenny Sherman, 165, Cincinnati (6). George Wilson, 180, Louisville, knocked out Jesse McGowan (1).

Our Golden Gloves will start January 21 at Columbia Gym. Boys like Sterling Williams, Eddie Cooper, Logan Jones, John Langon, and Walter Givens have already signed.

Eddie Jackson, Louisville's heavy, is ready for action. He has been very fast and sharp for a big man in his workouts. For his service contact this corner. If you are interested in boxing in Louisville please contact Joe Martin, 215 N. 35th St., Louisville 12, Kentucky.



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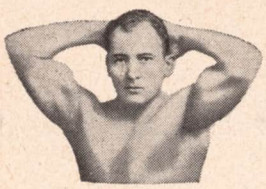

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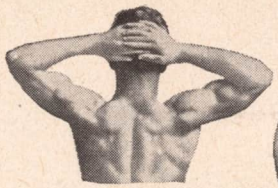

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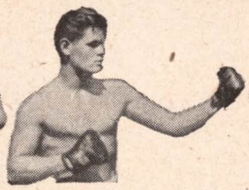

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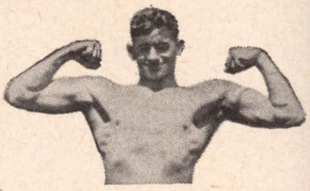

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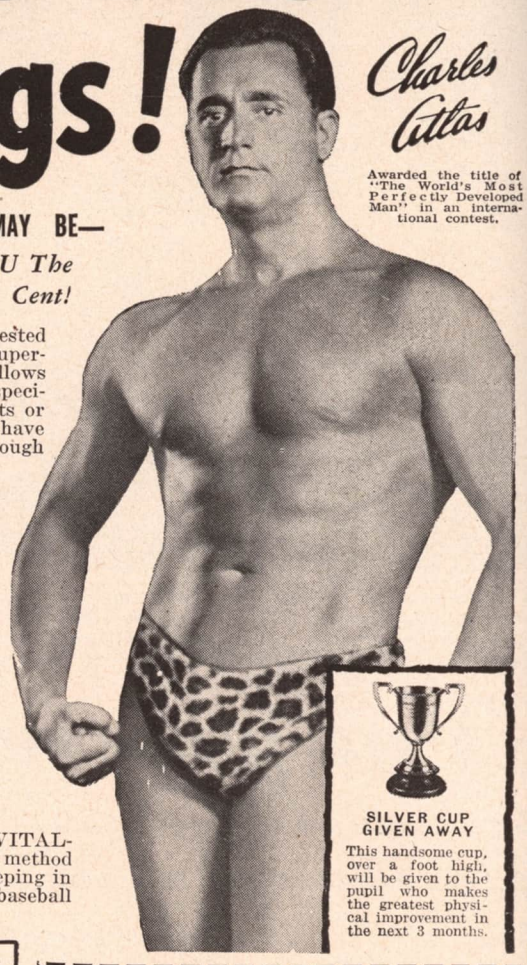

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